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Foreword

Some ideas are destined to be brought to life. When I first approached Adrianne with the idea to make a tarot deck for The Last Unicorn, we couldn't think of a more appropriate project for the Last Unicorn - the depth of the story, the art style of the animation, and the variety of the characters all lend itself incredibly well to the Tarot lore.

As I told Peter S. Beagle when we met on the movie tour in 2013, there has never personally been a time in my life without The Last Unicorn – I watched it from such an early age that all my memories first started after having seen it. During the movie tour, it was awe-inspiring to see just how deeply it had touched so many people and how fiercely it is loved across the world. Once we started on this project, despite being such a colossal undertaking of intense effort, it was incredible seeing just how it all came together. For all of us working on this project, this was a dream come true.

A tremendous thank you to all of the artists for their amazing talents and channeling their passion into every card, each portrait more gorgeous than the last.

A thank you to everyone who backed the Kickstarter that helped make this project a reality and supported this project with their enthusiasm, encouragement, and their shared love of something so dear to our hearts.

And finally, a thank you to Peter S. Beagle for sharing his work with the world and transforming each of our lives, without whom this project would not exist.

We hope this deck brings you as much joy for you and the people you read for as it does for us, knowing Unicorns are in the world again.

Sincerely,
John and the Geekify Crew

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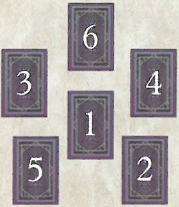
Tarot Reading Examples

There are countless ways to read and interpret the cards. We have provided a few example spreads and styles of card reading, but it is by no means conclusive. Use these and other references for your readings and find the styles and spreads that work best for you. have fun!

Single Card Draw

Great for daily readings or looking at the overall theme to a circumstance or feeling, or for casting information in a new light and reflecting on its meaning. This is a useful tool for meditation and contemplation through a new lens of interpretation, and to find a theme to focus on for the day or week. Look for any cards that jump or particularly draw your attention while shuffling!

Pentagram Spread



A six card spread with a central card and five surrounding elements to explore a query in-depth

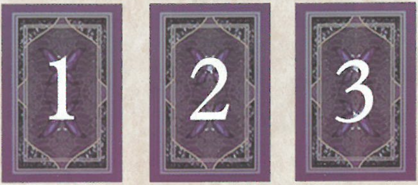
Card One (Significator) – the central theme of the reading, the current state of being of you or the question being asked. This card can be chosen from a relevant representative card of the Major Arcana deliberately, if you so desire.

Card Two – representing the Earth element and the state of groundedness (or lack thereof), what is creating, causing or holding the situation in place.

Card Three – representing the Air element and the influences surrounding the asker, this card reveals the influences and the inputs to the current situation

Card Four – representing the Fire element and indicating the conflicts at work, both internal and external, as well as the status of energy and will being applied to the situation

Three Card Draw

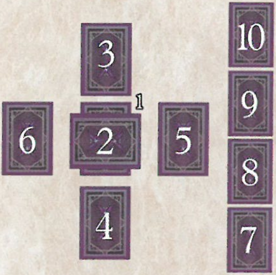


Another quick spread for your tarot readings and providing more context to your query, the three card spread is similarly useful for looking at governing influences and outcomes. There are a varieties of ways to interpret a three card spread.

Examples (in order of card draw) include:

- (1) Past, (2) Present, (3) Future
- (1) Present Circumstance, (2) Obstacles, (3) Advice
- (1) Yourself, (2) Another Person, (3) Relationship Between You

Celtic Cross Spread



A popular ten-card spread with numerous variants, this arrangement is useful for revealing more details and context surrounding the circumstances of your question, exploring both internal and external factors, as well as past and present influences. Draw each card in order and lay it out in the pictured arrangement, with each placement signifying the following:

Card One (Significator) – the central theme of the reading, the current state of being of you or the question being asked

Card Two – the opposing influences that are affecting you or the situation

Card Three – the root of the question or situation, and its origins

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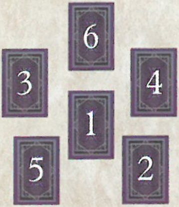

Card Five – representing the Water element and providing guidance through the theme of intuition of what can be learned from or adapted to in this situation

Card Six – representing the Spirit element and indicating both the overall unity of all the themes and influences, leading to the possible outcome and ultimate destination or goal

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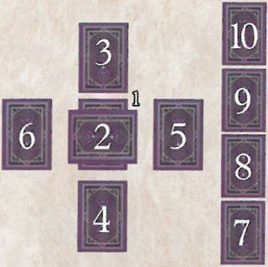


Card Four – the recent past and the previous events affecting the present circumstance

Card Five – the significant influences at work in the present and possible response, as well as an indicator of what's to come, given the current path

Card Six – what lies ahead in the future

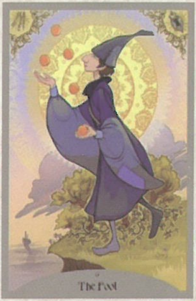
Card Seven – reflects the current emotional state of the situation

Card Eight – the external forces or relationships at work to influence the situation, as well as governing patterns and trends

Card Nine – your hopes and desires related to the outcome

Card Ten – the ultimate outcome, as indicated by the other forces at work in the query and the influence of the other cards

The Fool



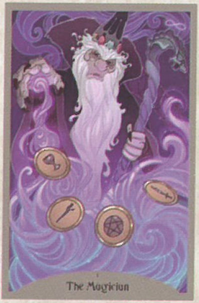
With his eyes to the sky and the world at his feet, Schmendrick's dreamy focus is on what's before him (to a certain extent), while simultaneously unaware of the specific details of his surroundings and where they will lead. Haggard's castle in the distance lies shrouded in mists, a thing being left behind, or to come into play far in the future. Amidst a sunburst sky, the Lock and Key represent both the challenges and solutions to be found along the way and in the time of need.

Preparing to fall into something new, The Fool signifies new beginnings and adventures, though not without a little risk. There is freedom in new undertakings, in journeying from your past to your new future – let your heart be your guide when making decisions that will affect where you wind up. You're leaving behind the familiar and standing on the precipice of the unknown, but such is the allure of new adventures.

Reversed:

As the name would imply, don't let innocence act as ignorance – the potential for recklessness in this circumstance is high. Perhaps you are being taken advantage of, or do not fully understand the situation, but take caution and be alert that risk doesn't turn to folly.

The Magician



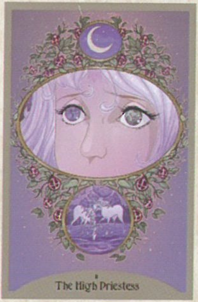
Wielding control over all the elements and of his surroundings, Mabruk is the Magician's Magician, bending the forces of the universe to his purposes. His staff is the physical representation of his level of mastery over the magical forces, the culmination of discipline, skill, and creative power. Mystical energy swirls about him, conjuring and controlling the four elements.

The present situation is in your control. Cycles can be broken or changed, and new ideas can reach physical reality with the application of yourself – your success is created, not bestowed. Clever legerdemain can get you what you want, though it might appear to be tricks to others. A powerful representation of skill and dominance, the Magician serves to remind that your chosen purpose is also one that requires commitment – clear the field of play of distractions and focus on your goal. You have all the power you need, if you just dare to use it, in the furthering of your goals.

Reversed:

The ability to bend is simultaneously the ability to twist. Your power can work against you (or others) if misapplied, and pursuit of purpose can turn to avarice if left unchecked. Make certain that the goal you're pursuing is a worthy cause, and that you are clear-headed with your intentions. Your skills might not be in alignment with your goals, or they might not be serving to bring you to your full potential, and this can lead to confusion or of only creating the illusion of progress or success.

The High Priestess



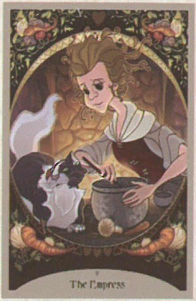
The bridge between the underworld of all things spiritual and the material world, the Lady Amalthea gazes skyward, while Unicorns nuzzle near a pool in the forest. The pomegranates of Persephone are the seeds that trap her in the unfamiliar underworld. Haggard's castle reflects from one eye, while the stag of her forest reflects from the other. Both are elements her true self, and yet neither is where she fully belongs. She is the keeper of secrets older than the moon, and in some ways newer than anything on this earth.

There are great secrets to be learned, but you will be hard-pressed to make sense of them without also seeking a deeper understanding of the world around you. Clarity will only come by looking into the heart of things and embracing and trusting in the influence of a source of feminine energy. This is not a time for logic - seek the wisdom of intuition to guide your way through the task at hand. You are surrounded by unknowns and change is afoot, and you might need to rethink the things you've held onto as certainties. This is a season for subtle influences, not overt messages. Tiny details can hold great symbolic significance, so look for signs to guide your next moves.

Reversed:

Validation can only come from within and from your personal intuition. Those flashes of insight that yield change must be listened to, but their voice is quiet and easily overpowered. If you are not in tune with your own needs and inner guidance, you must create the space for the resulting silence to speak louder than the roar of what others are telling you. Trust that you know what's best for yourself and find the quiet strength to seek truth (rather than convenience) from yourself and others.

The Empress



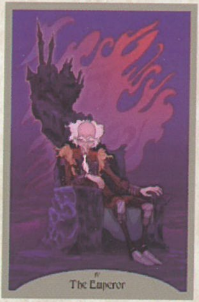
Molly brings warmth to a castle dominated by cold sterility. Stern but soft-hearted, her efforts to feed and care for those she loves gives a glow to both her and her surroundings, as well as contentment in her endeavors. The harvest is abundant and rich with things that grow out of sight below the surface. As the Empress, she flourishes when working to serve a purpose greater than herself. Neither overtly feminine nor maternal, she is nevertheless the epitome of both. The Cat eyes her both appraisingly and approvingly, keeping close for whatever spare food or attention she may choose to bestow.

This is a time to embrace things that ground you and build you up in a positive way. Look for opportunities to grow and connect with others, or to nurture new creative outlets and build something from the heart, as the warmth of the universe enfolds you. Get back to your roots and spend time in nature. Nourish your spirit with new undertakings or forms of creative expression. There is an element of protection (or protectiveness) safeguarding the moment, so take a moment to encourage something new and beautiful to be born from it.

Reversed:

Overly focusing on others can come at the cost of your own strength. In reverse, this might indicate self-neglect or an inability to connect well to the people or events around you. Relationships might be confusing or unsettling, and clarity might be blocked by your inability to ground in a safe way. You might be doubting yourself, and it might be hard to find any sparks of excitement in the day-to-day aspects of life. Return to a position of strength before you try to help others - it might be straining your resources until you do.

The Emperor



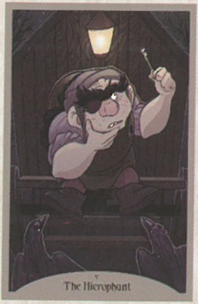
Stern and unyielding, King Haggard sits atop his throne, the unbudging and unpolished rock of his throne acting as both a symbol of his immovability, but also of his steadfast strength of will. Lacking polish, his throne is solid rock and far from comfortable, but his authority will not be denied. He is at once a force not to be trifled with, and a symbol of great dominance over his surroundings, exerting his will and his convictions upon those around him. The castle looms in the background, the flames of the Red Bull a reminder of his dominance. Haggard's pursuit of happiness is not rooted in cruelty, yet he grasps at something fundamentally indomitable.

Your authority and role as a leader are well-established. You create order and structure from chaos and rule over your domain with a firm hand. This is a card of controlled action, as you rise above potential conflicts and bend them to your will. Rely on your reason and your self-discipline to take the mature approach.

Reversed:

A reversed Emperor can indicate insubordination towards a power structure, or dissatisfaction with a relationship that is perhaps too rigid. Too much structure can lead to immobility, indicating a struggle with someone in authority and the inflexibility can be taking its toll on you. Look to the nature of what or whom is dictating control over you, and explore what freedom from those guidelines could mean for your present circumstance.

The hierophant



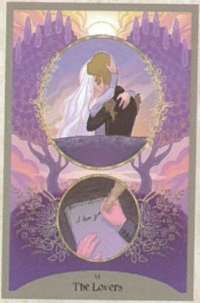
Why is a raven like a writing desk? Purposeful questions keep Rukh awake at night, pondering his role as the hierophant. The lantern casts an eerie light over the carnival wagon, while two raven companions look on as he holds a key up to the light. He is a bridge between ordinary and mystical, as the guide from the ordinary to the mysterious (and dangerous) creatures of the Carnival. As the servant of Mommy Fortuna, Rukh's place is well-defined - he knows his role in the Carnival, though he might not step far outside of that role – his place is in doing the bidding of Mommy Fortuna.

Rukh's appearance indicates the upholding and supporting structure of a bigger group, a sign of adhering to orthodoxy and tradition. A little more organization or counsel might be just what you need, and you can engage by delving in to that sense of belonging to something bigger. Now is the time for mentors or counsel from someone you trust, or to educate yourself in something new. Seek out (or seek to become) a person knowledgeable in a field, as wisdom and familiarity with the subject will serve you well. Consider finding the support of – or gaining entrance to - an organization, or seeking the company of others in the know.

Reversed:

It's time to challenge the status quo or perhaps to leave the group behind and defy conformity. There may be group pressure influencing you and choosing your actions for you, blocking you from seeing opportunities outside of their influence. Ask yourself if you've been afraid to step outside what is expected of you or if you are being asked to follow blindly, and evaluate whether those institutions are preventing you from acting on your own initiative.

The Lovers



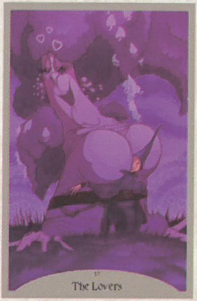
Lir and Amalthea embrace passionately, their love and warmth for each other overcoming everything at last, and all of nature shares in their joy. The flowers blossom, the trees thrive, and the sunlight shines down upon the Lovers, blessing their union. While Lir's words are incomplete, they are in the very act of fulfillment, guided by the object of his desires. It is only natural that the handsome Prince and the beautiful Princess be united, and everything is as it should be.

Love, strong bonds, or interactions with others are playing a strong role in your life right now. If there are separate forces, how can you unify them to get what you desire? What will complete you? There are choices ahead that will require mindful decision making, but trust your instincts on how to proceed. Be honest and forthcoming in your communications, and hold nothing back – authenticity is the name of the game.

Reversed:

Something is out of sync – unity is not coming easily, and those forces are instead creating a struggle. Are your relationships strengthening you, or is one of you in the relationship on a different footing, either by expectations or how one of you is treating the other? See if you can find a different way to communicate. Beware of cutting corners or taking shortcuts when making important choices.

The Lovers (Alternate)



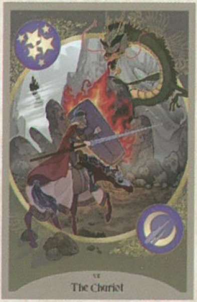
The matronly oak tree affectionately squeezes Schmendrick between her ample bosoms, drawing him close to her, her adoration for her wizard companion sighing animatedly through her branches. Enamored with her love, they shall face galls and fireblights, and deceitful evergreens together. The night comes alive with her infatuation, while Schmendrick gives himself up for loved.

Interpersonal relationships are playing a strong role in your life right now. Partnership is a key theme, whether it's with family, friends, or a loved one. If you are facing a difficult decision, trust your intuition and be conscious of how your choices will affect yourself and the people around you. Seek to bring the forces that are remaining separate together, so that you can enjoy the resulting harmony from their union. Be open and truthful about your intentions when communicating, and leave no room for misunderstanding.

Reversed:

The harmony you were hoping for has gone astray. Perhaps the relationship is one-sided or on unequal footing. One doesn't always get what they want or need from relationship - perhaps something is being overextended, or undervalued. Struggling against the bonds and boundaries of your personal connections might be creating conflict. Seek to get back to common ground, lest you perish together.

The Chariot



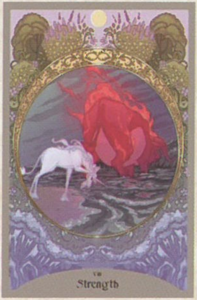
Fire clashes on steel in the heat of battle. Prince Lir wheels his destrier against the brutal onslaught of a fiercesome dragon, lurking in the shadow of King Haggard's castle. The moon and stars look on, bearing testament to Lir's deeds as a hero, as the fall of one legend paves the way for the rise of a new one. This is a test of wills, and only one will remain after the battle is over. The dragon rears up, breathing fire at the Prince, while a resilient Lir pushes forward against the onslaught.

It's time to get fired up! Your goals are set, so now is the time to channel your drive and ambition into overcoming whatever struggles lie ahead, whether they are internal or external. This might be a time that tests your strength and your resolve, but your dedication will see you through to the end. Be bold, have courage, and take action! Now is the time to act from a strong foundation of belief in yourself, to overcome whatever dragons are in your path.

Reversed:

Your enemy is proving hard to defeat than you thought – possibly you are losing motivation, or are having a hard time seeing things through. It's time to rethink your plan of attack and take stock of what elements of the situation are actually in your control. Readjust and think of the bigger picture when deciding how to proceed.

Strength



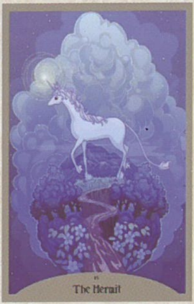
The Unicorn drives the Red Bull into the Sea, having faced her fear of the Bull and finding the strength inside to fight for what she believes in. Her delicate frame is a stark contrast to the Bull, and the Unicorn goads with her horn to send her nemesis into the waves, as air, fire, forest, and water come together to turn back a dominating force. While the Bull has sustained no mortal injuries, his reign has come to an end just the same.

Summon your courage and steel your inner will to face what must be faced. What lies below the surface is the means to overcome the obstacles in your way, and it is tempered with perseverance, patience, and the calm that comes with standing to face what you fear. You are solid, you are enduring, and you are a force to be reckoned with. You cannot be moved except by your own volition, and you can control the situation without forcing it. What cannot harm you cannot control you, and when fear is removed from your motivations you will act from a position of clarity.

Reversed:

Now is the time to check in with your strength – is it your servant, or are you a slave to its force? Are you using your strength to the best of your abilities, or are you abusing it and using it without the proper guidance or moral compass? Perhaps your strength has given you cause to overexert, or to leave you vulnerable. Consider rebuilding your strength, or taking time to withdraw and rest from the fight.

The Hermit



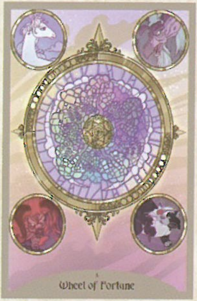
The Unicorn's horn lights her way through the gloom as she journeys on through forest, hills, and mountains, in pursuit of that which she seeks. A weary road and an isolating one, but her light shines bright to guide her way to the answer, and all the while she carries the memory of home wherever her journey takes her.

Answers now will come from quiet, solitude, and self-reflection. The freedom from distractions around you is the freedom to ascertain purpose, though the road may be long and lonely. At a period of transition or pivoting, introspection can serve you well by removing outside influence from your decision-making. A journey might be the key to understanding your next steps and finding new perspective. If counsel is what you are after, then seek someone who has been there before you and knows the way, the keeper of the experience you might be lacking and the wisdom you haven't yet learned the lessons of.

Reversed:

On your inner journey you've become lost in your head, or perhaps haven't allowed enough space for quiet and are rejecting the answers that you've been seeking. Taking too much space can cause you to become distant, and your personal quest might have pulled your focus away from others who need your support or to become withdrawn from a loved one. Be mindful of the space you've created between you, the world, and the people around you.

Wheel of Fortune



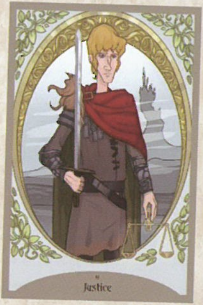
The cardinal directions of the golden compass reveal a cast of familiar and elemental characters - not good, not bad, merely creatures acting according to their natures, with a place for everything and a cycle of ups and downs contained within with Wheel. The phases of the moon on the outside border and the seasons changing within are a reminder that the only constant is change, but even within the ever-shifting landscape, there are many patterns and structures governing the flow of events.

What goes around comes around, and what you have put into the world is coming full circle to be returned soon. Often an indicator of changing luck, the Wheel of Fortune is a reminder that circumstances are outside your control, but not outside of your influence. Be prepared to turn on a dime in the face of changing surroundings and contexts. Maintain your own center, even as the wheel spins on – there are positive changes headed your way and you must be prepared to receive them.

Reversed:

The Wheel continues to turn, and bad habits and trends might be coming back to repeat themselves again. Consider the consequences of your actions on others and on your life - if you find your patterns creating unhealthy or undesirable circumstances, then determine your responsibility in fixing the root cause of the problem. More negativity than you were expecting might be coming into play, or you might be resisting change and obstructing the natural flow of your situation.

Justice



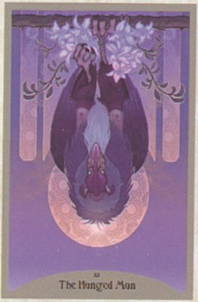
Prince Lir holds a sword in one hand and a balanced scale in another, and the distant castle of King Haggard looms in the mist behind him, a reminder of the source of his authority. No gaudy trappings of office decorate his uniform, but an air of sternness permeates his demeanor. Here is the judge and jury who knows that Unicorns may go unrescued for a long time, but not forever, and that the scales must ultimately balance.

In seeking Justice, you seek the deeper truth of the matter. A balanced approach is the key to understanding and for fairly judging a situation. Wrongs will (or must) be set to right, and balance will be restored; take responsibility in anything you are being held accountable for. Once the die is cast and the verdict rendered, you must be prepared to accept whatever ruling is to be handed down. Find balance by removing habits or practices that are proving to be a burden or bearing negative consequences Take note of whether you are treating others (or being treated) fairly in the situation in question, and ask how balance can be restored.

Reversed:

You might be avoiding responsibility or accepting the consequences of your actions, or your decisions may be being impacted by a bias you are unwilling to let go of. A reversed Justice indicates you might be dealing with a situation with more severity than it requires, when a more merciful touch would serve you better. Take time to look closer at the situation and examine it with a more impartial eye.

The Hanged Man



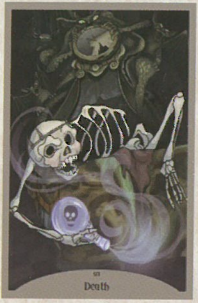
The harpy Celaeno hangs from a branch and light streams down around her, as though through the bars of a cage. Her ruff is illuminated by a halo of wisdom and a tether binds her to the branch, keeping her in place. An immortal being may chafe at being restrained, but she has all the time in the world.

Being bound to the moment, your motion is presently halted while you remain fixed in time, space, or circumstance, and struggling to break free might only throw up more obstacles. Now is the time for surrendering to the situation and accepting what is, pausing from your current state of activity and putting things on hold while you reassess or learn a new way of thinking about things. This pause won't last forever, though accepting that lying in wait is not the same as inaction will help aid in coming to terms with the feeling of surrender, and you may reach a greater understanding by being forced to sit still.

Reversed:

A stillness is being pressed upon you, though your peace with the situation might be in question. Are you deliberately avoiding be held and caught in one moment? Conversely, be cautious of hiding within the stillness and using it as a reason to prevent moving forward. If you are stalling for time or delaying action, the Hanged Man in reverse might suggest you could be stalling your own evolution.

Death



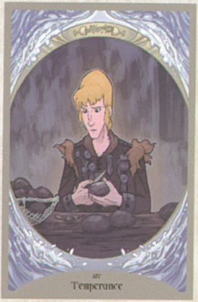
The Skeleton sits atop the mantle, brandishing his bottle and trapped in his remembrance of his former life. The gargoyled clock of King Haggard looms in the background, the monsters consuming time even while it inexorably marches forward, one booming chime at a time. The dead guard the way forward for the living, a barrier to change and to the end of King Haggard's reign.

Symbolizing a transition or abrupt and unexpected change, often as a severing from the old or current, Death brings with it new possibilities - when one door closes, another opens. There are endings afoot, and these can begin a jaunt into the unknown and the unexpected. A world of opportunity awaits you if you can find the courage to let go of the present situation, but the ending is necessary to achieve the next step. Letting go can begin new cycles, or to find second chances and fresh starts.

Reversed

This is a time of personal upheavals and a purging and transformation of yourself or your surroundings. Old relationships might not serve you, while stagnation awaits if you oppose the changes at work and fight to hold onto them. Embrace the coming change, and see where the road leads you.

Temperance



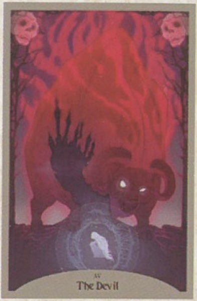
Prince Lir sits on a kitchen bench, studiously peeling potatoes, a momentary portrait of calm in the midst of the battering waves surrounding the castle, and his mind is focused on nothing but the task at hand. He has his work cut out for him and is only just beginning his labors. He has not yet learned how not to cut himself, but the lesson will be learned by practice, the application of self, and the helpful advice of Molly. Even a Prince is not above kitchen duty.

Avoiding extremes and balancing your emotions and viewpoints, Temperance suggests taking the middle ground and seeking moderation of both thought and action. This is a card of deliberate transformation and sensibility, with awareness throughout the process. This is the time to be the peacekeeper or to seek common ground and a diplomatic approach. You are best served by finding ways to successfully mix the components of your circumstances into a greater harmony and making them work together to form something better.

Reversed:

A vice has caught up with you, or some aspect of your self is being overindulged, and a return to balance is key. Alternately, despite your efforts, something has not mixed properly, and understanding how better to fit in the discordant piece is essential to resolution. The circumstances might indicate a conflict of interest or that some key ingredient is not meshing well - a way must be found to achieve synthesis or common ground. Tempered metal will flex, while brittle, untempered metal may shatter, and the union must be stronger than the individual.

The Devil



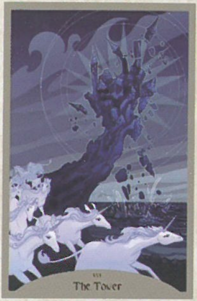
The Red Bull glowers across the landscape while Amalthea crouches at the root of Haggard's castle, trapped within a sphere of her own light, protected yet utterly isolated. She is surrounded in all sides by the crushing presence of the Bull, the Skeleton, the waves, and the looming influence of King Haggard. The sea rolls beneath the hooves of the Red Bull as he searches for her, his gaze moments from finding her.

There are shadows holding you back, and your best self is caged. There is an enormous strength in the bonds and connections at play, and they might have become negative influences, or have the potential to become so. Understanding who or what has a hold on you can reveal how deeply the attachment to them goes. The light you shine on your shadows will drive them away. Break through the barriers holding you back, past fear, past ignorance, and past self-doubt and acknowledge that you are in control of your situation.

Reversed:

Confrontation of the situation can lead to a better understanding of it and mean that you are no longer bound to it. If you are holding onto negative patterns, energy, or thoughts, it's time to let them go to prevent them from harming you or others. Overcoming attachment can liberate you to make your choices freely again.

The Tower



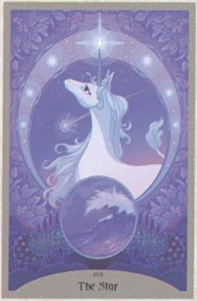
The Unicorns stampede out of the ocean and in search of freedom, their thunderous hooves shattering King Haggard's castle and breaking its very foundations. The turrets and walls collapse, taking the place of the Unicorns in the sea, as Haggard's reign comes to an abrupt end.

There are cracks appearing in the structures surrounding you, and what you've known as your familiar bedrock might be soon subjected to abrupt and dramatic change. While you will rise from the ashes, this sudden change may be quite a shock - there is destruction afoot, though even as the walls crumble down around you, there are valuable lessons to be gained. The process is that of breaking and severing, clearing the way for rebuilding and restructuring, but there will be chaos in the meantime. Trusting in people or things you thought solid might prove difficult for the foreseeable future.

Reversed:

In its reversed form, the Tower suggests that you are the root cause of the upheavals taking place, rather than an external force. This could be a crisis of identity or an abandoning of old ideas or values that no longer serve you, but the time has come to sweep aside the old and allow them to fall. There will be time to clear the rubble later and to enjoy your newfound freedom, but the cost could be high and the transformation won't be easy.

The Star



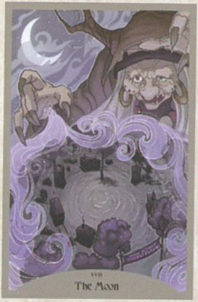
The Unicorn illuminates the evening sky, while a shooting star falls across the background. The Unicorn's horn is filled with radiant energy, bringing healing, tranquility, and hope to all who see her. Life flourishes in her presence, and there is magic all around her, even in the very waves of the ocean. The Unicorn is both the living fulfillment of a dream, and the ephemeral beauty of natural perfection. She gazes upwards, the bridge between heaven and earth.

You are one with the divine. Your energy attracts positivity, as you dream bigger and with fresh energy. After recent turmoil or upheavals, you are in a good place to rebuild and look to the future with renewed hope and a sense of faith that everything will work out as it should. Keep an eye open for new ideas and new outlets to foster your own growth, and let your truest self shine through.

Reversed:

Your faith is being tested, and you might be overwhelmed with your present circumstances. You'll need every bit of energy and resolve to see you through the situation. You might have become disinterested or disconnected from your daily life and things that seem ordinary – self-care is needed to see you through the present, and avoid significant risks while you are in this fragile state.

The Moon



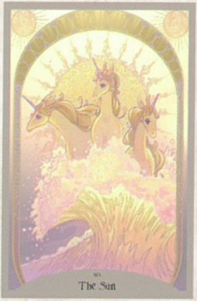
The unripe moon casts an eerie glow across the land as Mommy Fortuna's hands weave a spell across the whole of the Midnight Carnival. Her brow is furrowed in concentration as she creates the world people want to see, drawn from the world that is. Though the truth will melt her magic, her illusions are powerful and bound up with the power of belief and strength of will. Nothing is what it seems at this sideshow.

Be cautious when dealing with others, as things might not truly be as they appear to be. Objectivity might be difficult and you might be acting due to subconscious influences. Dig deep and find out what's really motivating you - bringing your subconscious creatures of night into the light can help undo their influence. Listen to your dreams or to your flashes of insight, and be cautious moving too quickly into something new for the time being.

Reversed:

Understanding might be a little murky and hard to come by at the present moment. Voices from within and without might be conflicting, making the way forward unclear. Don't run from your problems, but this might be a good time to record and reflect on what's happening and put a pin in it to come back to later. When the mists have cleared, you can revisit it again with some better clarity.

The Sun



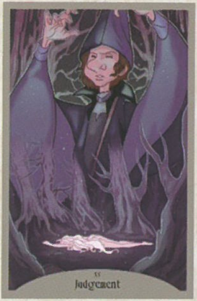
A trio of Unicorns burst out of the waves and into the sunlight, a golden glow surrounding them as they survey the world around them. The world is their domain, and the sea spray can contain them no longer. They are calm, yet poised for action as they prepare to retake their rightful place in the world after their long captivity.

The mists have cleared and the sun has burned away any remaining haze. Bound forth with energy and enthusiasm into whatever you have your sights on – the way is open and the light is bright! Embrace your inner positivity and let it radiate all around you. You can be a beacon for others and an inspiration to them. Celebrate and be happy and the feeling will magnify around you. Success will follow in your endeavors as you shine.

Reversed:

You've got a lot of energy pent up, and need a good way to spend it! Let go of what you've been doing for awhile, let your mane down, and just frolic. You might be close to achieving success, but your energy might be manifesting as being overzealous. While you don't need to rein it in just yet, make sure you're not being overconfident or unrealistic. If you have encountered setbacks or have lost that positive energy, retrace your steps to find it again.

Judgment



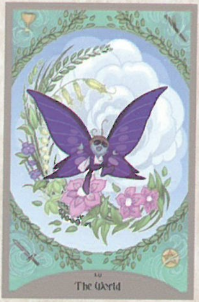
Lightning flashes and storm clouds surge as Schmendrick calls on potent magical forces to transform the Unicorn in the Lady Amalthea. He is deep in concentration as the magic channels through him, making him a vessel for its raw power. Where once there was a Unicorn, now she is reborn as a human girl with a newness to her, a fragility that seems as though she might break. Her transformation is swift and decisive, and leads to something new. The way has opened for her to realize her goal, though

A milestone and potentially a crossroads, your decisions here might have long-lasting effects on your life, but your hard work has paid off. Your experience has led you to this moment, and now it is time to combine what you've learned and put it to use in creating your next evolution. Everything is coming together and you are ready to be transformed. You are not bound or constrained by the past, but its lessons will be invaluable in charting your path forward. You are renewed, and you are ready to take on the world with your new state of being!

Reversed:

You might be hiding your light under a bushel instead of letting it shine the way it needs to, and stalling your own evolution. There is a new life waiting for you if you're ready to take hold of it, but perhaps you are withholding your answer or not heeding the call. Shed any negative associations and ways of thinking and embrace what your best self is telling you to do.

The World



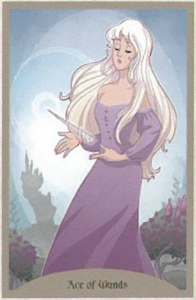
The Butterfly dances upon the air and the petals of the flowers, singing gaily into the warm summer sky. Everything is in full blossom and celebrating in the fullness of life, framed by the influences of the cup, wand, sword, and the coin. The cycle is complete, and the world is open to the whimsical travelings of the Butterfly.

Your world is complete, or at least, close to it! At this moment, success is imminent and resolution is at hand. Your journey has been long and difficult, riddled with trials and tribulations, but the rewards have been worth it as you reap the rewards. Representing self-actualization and action, the World is yours! Reflect on what you have learned, and take time for gratitude for the journey. Once the celebration of the present is complete, it's time to wrap up this phase, and get ready for your next adventure!

Reversed:

The end is in sight, but something is holding you back from taking that final leap to completion. There are no shortcuts to your end goal, but you will come out all the wiser for taking the longer route. You're so close to achieving your goals – don't lose sight of why you're doing it, or if you have, take time to step back and renew yourself so you can tackle your goal with fresh vigor.

Ace of Wands



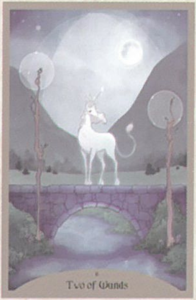
The now mortal Lady Amalthea cups her hands below a dazzling Unicorn horn, a reminder of her past self, which radiates a bright and inspiring light from the tip and encircles both woman and the distant castle beyond her. She leans away, closing her eyes in an act of vulnerable surrender. Pathways that were closed to her as a Unicorn are now open. Vibrant flowers blossom around her, hinting at growth yet to come. A world of possibilities awaits if she follows the guiding light her intuition provides - even if there are challenges to overcome along the way.

A spark of potential for growth in matters of the spirit is blossoming inside you. You may have an inkling of an idea that you wish to pursue, but have been hesitant about. Breathing life into this spark could see it grow into a healthy blaze. There is great promise of success, should you act quickly on new opportunities, though it will be up to you to fan the flames with your devotion and efforts.

Reversed:

If your direction is not yet clear, but you are champing at the bit to find an outlet for your creative passions, you could be left feeling unmotivated and despondent. Look within yourself to see if it is a matter of confidence, or if you are waiting for something else to occur first. Delays can often prove frustrating and you may need to wait for the opportune time to move forward with your plans.

Two of Wands



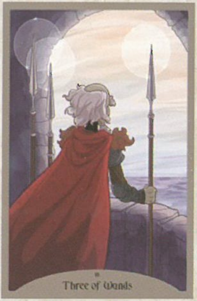
The Unicorn stands indecisive upon the bridge between her comfortable forests and the wider unknown world, each direction represented by blossoming saplings. The sapling to her left, where adventure awaits, grows a bit higher and taller than the other - indicating a stronger potential for growth. The intensity of the full and bright moon illuminates everything in the vicinity, encouraging the Unicorn to trust her intuition. It is clear she is torn, her gaze turned back towards all that she has ever known and loved. She is faced with a decision - to find the others, if she is brave, or to return home.

It will take courage to step away from familiarity and predictability to pursue your long-term goals and aspirations. Your destination may be known, but you might still require time to map the path you intend to travel. If risks are involved and the choice is difficult to make, you are encouraged to explore your options and make any necessary preparations. However, if you are assured in your vision and open to expanding your horizons, you may go further than you have ever thought possible.

Reversed:

Should you find yourself hesitant to leave what you are comfortable with, or if indecision has you paralyzed, it would be prudent to re-examine your desires and ambitions to find the correct path forward. Some adjustments may be simple in nature, while others might require you to retrace your footsteps. When you consider the why of what you are doing, you will be reminded of the benefits of pushing yourself to new heights, and the correct choice will become clear.

Three of Wands



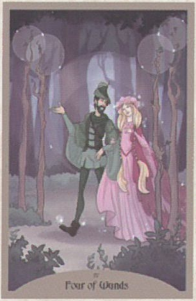
King Haggard gazes out resolutely towards the horizon where the sea blends seamlessly into the sky. His red cape billows behind him like the flames of the demonic Red Bull he commands. Three upright spears surround him, with his hand firmly gripped around the shaft of one, indicating how fiercely committed he is to his endeavors. The castle itself is a testament to all he has already achieved. He knows that the Unicorns belong to him, but that he must be ever alert for new threats. However, he is confident he will conquer any obstacle.

You have already found some measure of success and the time may be ripe for you to venture further while your fort is secure, in order to add to your investments. Your preparations in the past have paid off thus far. Now you must seek new allies and opportunities. Stay as devoted as you have already been to your vision, and keep watch for any obstacles or challenges that may be coming so you are not caught unawares.

Reversed:

It can be tempting to avoid risk and protect what you already have, but this will hinder your personal growth and development. When you find yourself struggling with setbacks or delays, have patience, and remember we learn more from our failures than our successes. Do not give up. A castle is built one stone at a time, so consider breaking your loftier goals into smaller, more manageable tasks.

Four of Wands



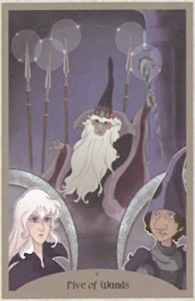
Robin Hood walks beside Maid Marian with arms entwined, as they pass through a gateway made of freshly sprouting branches that light their way. Their joy emanates from them in an aura of celebration and gaiety, complete with whimsical bubbles that arise from the lightness of their step. Though they are walking forward on the path, they are engaged in pleasurable conversation with one another. Their garments reflect the hues of the forest they call home, and Marian is crowned by a wreath of joyful pink flowers worn in times of festivity and peace.

Accomplished goals or milestones are worthy of celebration, especially if you have been so busy that you have not had a moment to catch your breath. There is time for revelry, even if only for the sake of it, with loved ones. You may be feeling a pull towards familiar places and people in your life that you wish to spend quality time with. Your work is not yet done, but be proud of what you have achieved thus far.

Reversed:

If you have had doubts in the past, you may have finally reached a state of harmony. It may also be that you prefer to keep smaller milestone celebrations a private, personal affair, and are waiting to complete your goals before announcing your progress to others. Should there be tensions in your relationships or upheavals in your stability you might be feeling uncomfortable, but these are important transitions necessary to your growth.

Five of Wands



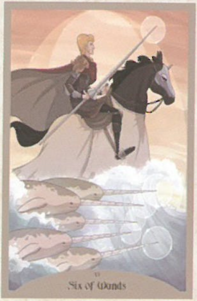
Mabruk, the Magician's Magician, has just been replaced - but he will not be dismissed as easily as THAT. He guards the four spears behind him, representative of his years of service, and holds his own personal staff aloft as a fifth weapon. They all shine brightly in warning as he readies an attack. Since he bars the way to their goals of entering King Haggard's service, a confused Schmendrick and a determined Amalthea must stand united against him. Her star-like mark gleams in preparation to counter his magic, as a tense fog of distrust rises between them.

You are embroiled in a conflict that is stifling your ability to be as successful as you had wished. The situation may merely require discussion to clear any misunderstandings, or you may simply be vying against another in a healthy competition for the same rewards. The key will be to focus less on your competitor's weaknesses and more on your own strengths and to avoid obsessing over winning.

Reversed:

Your conflict may come from within instead of without. Difficult issues may be proving more complex than you had thought, and you are talking yourself in circles. Allow yourself to be challenged by new ideas and consider changing or keeping your views accordingly, so long as you are true to yourself. If you are someone who avoids conflict with others at all costs, you might be compromising things that are important to you for the sake of getting along.

Six of Wands



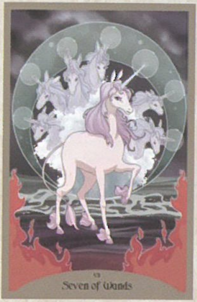
Prince Lir sits astride his destrier, cape whipping in the wind behind him with the speed of their passage. He is the epitome of the gallant prince riding home from battle. His spiraled lance, which mimics the horns of the narwhal that bound enthusiastically beside him, is pointed towards the sky in victory. He rolls in with the tide, proud and accomplished, never questioning the strength of his horse and their combined ability to do heroic deeds for the sake of the one he loves.

Your sense of self-confidence is at an all-time high after having achieved some major milestones or goals, for not only do you feel the success on an internal level, but others have begun recognizing your efforts and are glad to cheer you on. You have earned the right to hold your head high and enjoy your accolades. The knowledge of their continuous support will help spur you forward as you ride the high.

Reversed:

You may merely be uncomfortable with public recognition and prefer to keep things private. If a project has failed and you find your confidence has received a mighty blow, then it may simply be best to move on rather than try to repair the situation. It is important to rely on your internal compass for defining success rather than trying to appease others. Do be cautious of letting pride turn into arrogance, lest you lose the support you had gained.

Seven of Wands



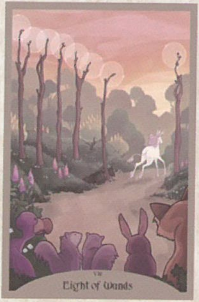
The time for running is over. The Unicorn is forced to stand her ground when cornered by the mighty Red Bull. Should she succumb to his advance, she will be pushed back into the sea to join her kin and her quest will fail. A passion she did not know she had inside her sets her horn aflame and she raises a hoof in grim determination, preparing for the final battle at the edge of the stormy sea. The flames of the Red Bull press in around her from all sides, but the knowledge that the fate of the Unicorns falls solely to her empowers her. Against a dreadful foe, the Unicorns stand united to form a perfect ring of defense.

You may have been caught off-guard or feel outmatched by a threat of some fashion, or possibly hold a belief that others find contentious. Be firm in your convictions and ready to fight for what you hold dear. The Butterfly told the Unicorn she could only find the others if she was brave, and so, too, will you need courage. There are only two paths available - victory or defeat.

Reversed:

The battle may have gone on longer than you would have liked, and you find yourself exhausted by constantly needing to hold firm and defend yourself. Continue to fight through the weariness and then set firm boundaries, accepting that you cannot win everyone's approval. The opportunity for compromise is over. Have faith in yourself, especially if you have let your fears rule you for too long.

Eight of Wands



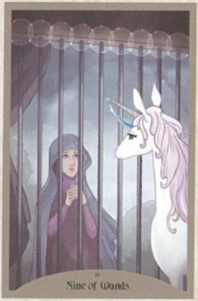
Sparks fly from the Unicorn's hooves as she bounds away towards the horizon, quickly passing multiple trees that line her clear pathway. She does not look over her shoulder at the perplexed creatures gathered to watch her flight out of the forest. Her head is aimed only towards the rising sun; feeling in her bones there is no time to spare. As an immortal creature, time has never been of the essence before - and then, suddenly, it is - and she feels the pressure of her quest propelling her forward ever faster.

Swiftness is key and you may be finding you have energy in spades to draw from. Your direction is clear and you feel one with the flow of the universe. Trying to force things to slow down would prove unwise at this juncture, so take advantage of this period of high motivation and clarity to try to be productive. This is a period of high intensity, and you may even desire to use the time to take an invigorating trip to faraway places - so long as you are not staying still!

Reversed:

Charging ahead without a clear pathway will only cause issues for you, such as missing important details in your haste to reach the finish line. Keep your focus on just one goal, rather than flitting between multiple ones, or you may never bring a project to completion. If you are struggling with overcoming obstacles, look for alternate methods or angles in order to keep moving forward, instead of getting frustrated and quitting.

Nine of Wands



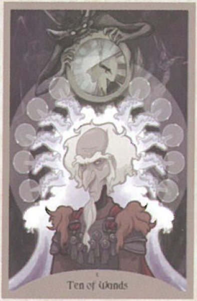
A weeping maid peers at the caged Unicorn on display, hands clutched close to her throat. The cold iron bars, anathema to her magic, prove to make the Unicorn's prison inescapable. All the Unicorn can do is bide her time, unaware that a glowing false horn has been placed upon her so that the carnival patrons can recognize her for what she truly is. There has never been a spell on her before, nor a time she was not known. This is a significant setback on her journey, and she is sorely tested by it, but she must endure.

Though the situation at hand may seem impossible, know that you are more resilient than you give yourself credit for. There is strength inside you yet, and your reward is just around the corner. Every test you pass only strengthens your resolve. Be assertive in communicating what you need and drawing firm boundaries with others in order to protect yourself. If you stumble, get back up and try again.

Reversed:

You may be feeling broken-spirited at constantly fighting obstacles in your way, or have bitten off more than you can chew. Narrow your focus, look to others for assistance, and practice positive self-talk. There may also be a fear that others are constantly out to get you, but it is a false one driven by insecurity - try not to worry about what others are thinking.

Ten of Wands



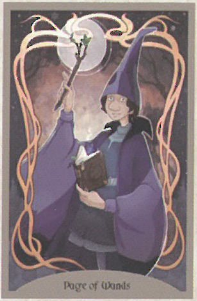
The burden of the Unicorns he has captured weighs heavily on King Haggard's mind, their brilliant horns sparkling as they ride the crests of the waves, as if to lunge free from their prison. He stands before the ominous clock and its insidious gargoyles, as if to defend the path to the Red Bull's lair, knowing that another could find the King's Way and undo all his efforts. His Red Bull has driven every Unicorn, save one, into the sea and he knows that once he has caught her his lifelong work will be complete, though it will not prove an easy task.

Recently, you have taken on additional responsibilities or a particularly heavy burden that is weighing you down. Your situation is only temporary, and your hard work will pay off in the end, for your dreams are within arm's reach. Be mindful that you do not overextend yourself by doing everything at once. Prioritize only the urgent tasks and ensure you get rest when you are able.

Reversed:

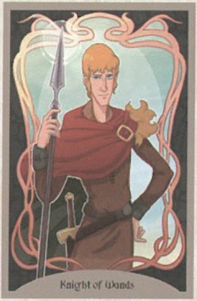
Delegation will save you if you have taken on too many responsibilities for one person alone to bear. Be willing to decline additional tasks that will not serve you, or are too much for your current workload. There is no need to be everything to everyone. If you are hiding something from others that is taking an emotional toll on you, you may be pushing away those that could help lighten your spirit, and your burden.

Page of Wands



Schmendrick holds a book of magic in one hand and a luminous wand in the other. His index finger is raised in a gesture of confidence and ambition, expression earnest. The open book sparkles with promises of knowledge and power, and in diligence towards his studies he has marked multiple pages for reference. The salamander present on his tome's cover and the fiery hues in the forest behind him hint at an upcoming transformation. A reptile must shed its skin to grow, and so, too, can new life can be found in the ashes of the old. Though he is considered just a 'Schmendrick', or an ineffectual fool, he never wavers in his desire to improve and learn.

Knight of Wands



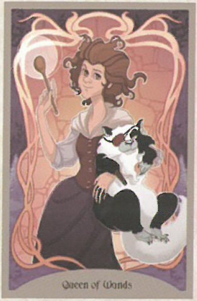
Prince Lir is not one to shy from battle against dangerous foes, be they dragons or flaming Red Bulls, and the cockiness of his attitude is evident from his stance, with hand on hip and a smirk on his face. The spear he holds glistens at the tip, ready to decimate any and all opponents. The eye cannot help but be drawn to the red of his cape, as fluid and bright as blood or the fires that stir in his heart. Though he originally became a hero only for his Lady's sake, he has fully embraced what it truly means to be heroic.

Driven by your passions, and perhaps a little recklessness, you find yourself charging forward to act on your vision of success to turn your dreams into reality. A hero does not merely sit home thinking of the future, but actively goes out to enact change. In fact, the prospect of overcoming challenges might be MORE appealing to you during this period of adventurousness!

Reversed:

You are at risk of burning yourself out if you chase after every dream with the same intensity and may need to slow down. A desire to solve a problem instantly, regardless of the best solution, may cause you to act rashly or say something you regret. If you struggle with the need to control everything, take a calming breath and do not let a loss of power bog you down with negativity.

Queen of Wands



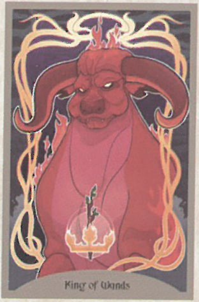
Using a wooden spoon in place of a wand, Molly Grue weaves her own kind of practical kitchen magic. There is an air of regality around her, her auburn locks not unlike the wild crown of a lion's mane. Her cocked hip is a display of her confidence and passion, for she is a symbol of fertility and satisfaction. Hoisted under her other arm is the piratical Cat, hinting at her understanding and mastery of the mystical. He serves as her confidant, someone who looks out for her and aids her when she is in need of his advice.

An optimistic spirit and lust for life cause you to radiate an aura of vitality. Self-awareness of your own strengths and shortcomings makes it easy for you to actualize your goals. Others are drawn to your sincerity and look to you as an unshakeable leader. Be true to yourself, for your courage gives others the power to believe they can accomplish anything. There is also a secret side to you not many are privy to, or perhaps that you have yet to discover about yourself.

Reversed:

Though you may be in tune with yourself and what you stand for, you lean more towards the independent aspect of the Cat, who comes and goes as it pleases, rather than the public face of the Monarch. Do not feel you must interact with others. You should express your honest self - even if you dance to the beat of a different drum!

King of Wands



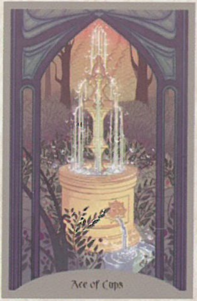
The Red Bull stands before the ocean he presides over. His blood red horns are the horns of a wild ox and he has used them to push the other Unicorns to the ends of the earth, trapping them in the sea. He is a creature of raw power and burning intensity, all ambition and oftentimes aggressive in the pursuit of his goals. The Bull is stubborn and unstoppable, only serving those who show no fear, for he is a conqueror, through and through. A wand, wreathed by a blazing crown, denotes his mastery over not only his own will, but the will of others.

Maturity and wisdom, along with a clear vision, have allowed you to step forward as a charismatic leader. Your strong will serves as an influence in the outcome of the opportunities you choose to explore. A willingness to forge a direct path and avoid wasting anyone's time is inspiring to others. They see your power and determination and are ready to wholeheartedly support your quest. You intend to leave a legacy and they wish to be a part of it! Take caution - should you not commit fully to your ideals and intentions, you will struggle to actually manifest your goals.

Reversed:

Someone may hold the position of leader, but not yet fully grasp how to truly lead. You may need to improve your ability to communicate and delegate, or your ambition may have made you aggressive and arrogant. Remember that you are striving for a common goal and that each person's contributions are unique and valuable.

Ace of Cups



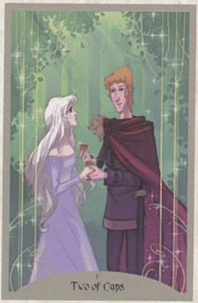
A golden spring can be found hidden deep within the Unicorn's forest. Shining geysers reach for the heavens before falling into gentle, but steady cascades. The life-giving waters are ever in motion, churning and bubbling with new ideas. The closed buds that drink from this fountain are on the verge of awakening their full potential. The font is but a vessel filled to overflowing with the waters of creation.

This is a time of spiritual awakening, should your heart be open to new experiences. You must become the fountain and let your emotions and creativity flow through you. Be willing to both give and receive love in order to connect with others on a deeper level. Inspiration will take your passions to new heights and - if you let the waters carry you - you will find the journey effortless. Generosity and kindness towards others will bring about gratification. Revel in your imagination or in the newness of a relationship or endeavor.

Reversed:

You may not be ready to share your passions and love with the wider world around you just yet, and there is no shame in focusing your love inwards. Fill yourself first and then you may find when your cup runneth over that it is easier to fill the cup of others. Perhaps you are cautious, afraid the fountain will become a flood or that you may be embarrassed or hurt if you express yourself honestly. Be mindful of repressing your emotions and look for little ways to release your feelings into the world, even if only done in private.

Two of Cups



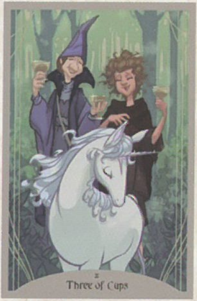
Lady Amalthea and Prince Lir are lost in one another's eyes, forming a deep bond of understanding. They exchange identical gilded chalices that sparkle under the sunlight that illuminates the secluded pair. They are connecting in the physical sense as well, Lir's hand gently cradling that of his Lady's as she holds her cup. The newness of their romance is evident in the spring greens of the forest and the golden motes of light that surround them. Amalthea wonders who she truly is, and Lir struggles to convey the depth of his love in words - but in the sharing of their flaws they have found commonality.

There is an opportunity in your life to foster a mutually beneficial relationship with someone who shares your vision and passion for the future. This need not be a lover, merely someone you see eye to eye with in a way you have not often felt before. Harmony in your interactions and genuine support for one another will allow this new relationship to grow. Nurture trust, respect, and communication to elevate the relationship and your shared goals to even higher levels.

Reversed:

It is vital to take the time to engage in love of self - lest you attract relationships that would be detrimental rather than beneficial. There may already be a disharmonious relationship in your life that can be salvaged by opening up and trusting in one another. If the flow cannot be re-established, the relationship may need to come to an end, if you are not already drifting apart.

Three of Cups



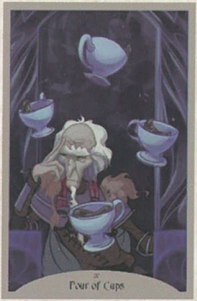
Their journey having only just begun, the trio has found true friendship and appreciation for one another. Before they enter the barrenness of King Haggard's country, they take the time to celebrate their accomplishments so far. Schmendrick is filled with the electric touch of his magic. Molly Grue never let her cynicism stifle her belief in Unicorns. The Unicorn is glad to be recognized for who she truly is by those willing to help her. Even she can be seen smiling quietly to herself as the others raise their glasses in a toast, laughing easily amongst themselves.

This is a time of camaraderie and collaboration, where creation and compassion are greatly elevated in the presence of others. When you reach out to your peers or loved ones to celebrate or work towards a common goal, you will find the support and passion each person brings to the group will manifest tenfold. Strengthen your connections by allowing yourself to unwind and relax during this quality time.

Reversed:

You may have already burned yourself out of social interaction for a time, or feel that you are no longer sharing the deep bonds you had before with others. It can be beneficial to take a step back and revitalize yourself before deciding who you wish to connect with. Your group may wish for you to fall in line and conform, which leaves you feeling stifled. Perhaps you are even overindulging in celebrations and require a more balanced approach.

Four of Cups



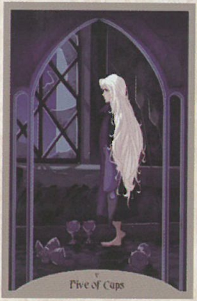
A frowning King Haggard sits upon his cold, dark throne, slouched to one side with two fingers rubbing his temple in frustration. His castle is devoid of decoration or light, the jagged stone of his seat mimicking his apathetic heart. A quartet of tea cups - with tea in them! - are juggled for his amusement but he pays them no mind, for nothing makes him happy, whether it is a master magician or an incompetent one.

Whether it is out of need to protect yourself from failure or because you have lost your sense of wonder, you may be closed off to new opportunities or joys. Perhaps you are merely feeling uninspired by your potential prospects? Or you are already juggling too many responsibilities and are unable to take on more? Reflect on what you truly desire and discard that which does not serve you or bring you joy, while embracing that which does.

Reversed:

Do not feel pressured into interacting with others if you feel the need to withdraw and disconnect. More time may be needed to contemplate if an offer is right for you, but be wary of stalling too long and missing the chance. If there are problems you are trying to avoid, accept that retreating will not solve them and could actually worsen them. If you feel reluctant to open up to another person, consider the impact it will have on your relationship with them and if the risks are worthwhile.

Five of Cups



Lady Amalthea stares solemnly out of the broken window of King Haggard's forlorn throne room. Schmendrick's dark coat is wrapped around her foreign body like a funeral shroud for the majestic creature she once was. Three empty cups echo her loss. She does not notice the two upright cups at her feet that promise new opportunities. The twin spears behind her back indicate a sense of betrayal, and she laments she was not instead taken by the harpy or the Red Bull. There are some fates worse than death.

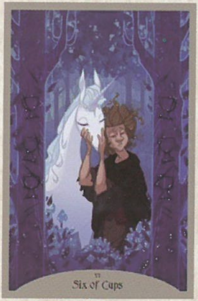
Your thoughts are consumed by negativity and loss and, while you are allowed to grieve, do not let yourself wallow in self-pity or despair forever.

Experience your emotions and then release them in order to move on. There are other options before you, but you must be willing to look past yourself in order to see them. Forgiveness for yourself and others will allow your wounded heart to heal.

Reversed:

If you feel you are drowning and keeping your struggles and inner turmoil hidden, now is the time to reach out for help. The insight and understanding of others may help you overcome these obstacles and self-deprecating feelings in order to see the situation from a different perspective. You cannot change the past, only learn from it and move on. Be willing to open up again and take new risks.

Six of Cups



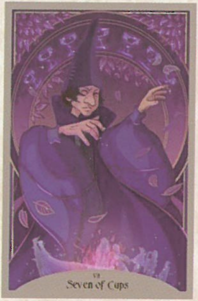
Their differences are apparent at a glance, the pristine representation of long-forgotten innocence beside a broken-down woman in simple, tattered garments. After cursing the Unicorn, Molly Grue tenderly presses a tear-stained cheek against hers and expresses forgiveness. Though her hands are as calloused as the bark surrounding them, Molly allows herself to fully embrace the nostalgia of her youth. The sparkling cups engraved upon the trunks are reminiscent of Molly's secret passions restored in the presence of the Unicorn. Fresh drops of dew rest on the duo and their surroundings, washing away past sorrows. Eyes closed, they share a tender moment as newfound companions who will come to rely on one another in the tribulations to come.

Nostalgia runs rampant when you revisit the dreams of youth that served as a foundation for the person you are today. A journey home or time spent with family or childhood friends may bring you joy as you reminisce together about the past. Forgive past hurts and be willing to start anew and be generous with the support you lend others. Viewing the world with open-minded, child-like wonder will reconnect you with your intuition.

Reversed:

Do not lose yourself in the past to the point you forget yourself in the present. If you are spending too much time wishing for what was, you will lose the chance to change what might be. Your inner child may be crying out for attention or feeling bored, so be certain to spend some time enjoying yourself in simple, pleasurable ways.

Seven of Cups



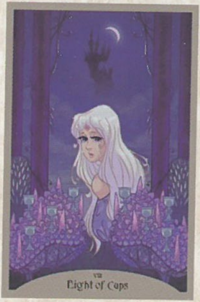
Schmendrick's eyes are tightly shut as he concentrates on calling upon the magic that often eludes him, fingertips sparking with potential. The power he summons glistens on the leaves and sends them cascading down around him, as they tremble at his might. Curved eloquently above his head is a crescent filled with shimmering purple cups, as he attempts to manifest his dreams into reality. Though he calls to the magic, he does not control it, and merely asks that it do as it will. The visages of Robin Hood, Maid Marian, and the Merry Men he conjures pass through the campfire safely - evidence they are only illusions.

It is important to dream, but you must be cautious not to fall prey to wishful thinking. Are you using these daydreams to escape an unwanted reality, rather than confronting your issues? Multiple paths are open to you, but not all are realistic or will lead to true happiness. You must be willing to shift from this phase of dreaming to a phase of hard work and dedication to accomplish your goals.

Reversed:

Too many options may prove overwhelming and you feel indecisive - you should focus your efforts on just one path. Determine which course will be most beneficial to you and reduce your options. New ideas or opportunities may continue to arise to distract you from your goals, but resist the temptation to split your focus. It is vital you do not let them hold power over you.

Eight of Cups



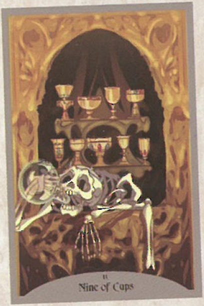
An openly weeping Amalthea glances backwards at the lilac bushes and neatly arranged cups that represent the comfort and stability she has known. In the distance, the foreboding silhouette of King Haggard's castle looms in the darkness, partially lit by the crescent moon. The long and winding path, however, is obscured by clouds. Her eyes and gown perfectly match the foliage, making it evident she belongs in these woods - but the quest that draws her from her sanctuary is a worthwhile one.

Despite how comfortable your situation may be, you are no longer emotionally fulfilled and may be coping with feelings of disappointment or trying to avoid the situation altogether. You might be compelled to seek satisfaction elsewhere, or perhaps you invested over-much into a relationship or endeavor that failed. Either way, it is important to realize you are no longer getting the desired results. Now is the time for action, even if walking away causes you sorrow.

Reversed:

There may be hesitancy in your decision to stay or go in regards to an unfulfilling situation, but you are the only one who can truly know if you should try again or move on. Get in touch with your intuition and carefully think the matter through. If you are a person who never feels satisfied lingering in one place and is always seeking the next new thing, this would be a good time to try to learn what makes you truly happy.

Nine of Cups



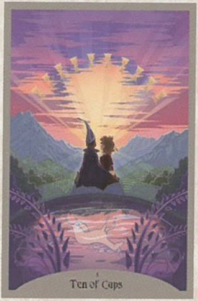
The Skeleton, content, rests atop a golden mantle in a luxurious gilded hall. The nine cups displayed prominently behind him vary in size and shape, bedecked with gemstones fit for a king. Though the glass he drinks from is actually empty, he remembers the taste of wine from his former life. No grand plans to return to the land of the living for this one, only for the chance to indulge in a simple pleasure he is no longer capable of truly experiencing.

Something that you have been wishing for in the secret recesses of your heart has either come true or is on the verge of doing so. Enjoy this time of contentment and pleasure, allowing yourself to indulge or splurge a little - but be sure to cherish what you have in times of plenty, for this satisfaction may only be temporary. A sense of gratitude will help you appreciate what you already have.

Reversed:

If you feel as if you have everything, but are still missing something deep down, you have potentially lost your way and were chasing things that would bring you status rather than joy. It is important to define success for yourself, rather than allow others to define it for you. Your wishes may have been unrealistic to begin with and thus have not yet come true, or maybe a little nurturing would bring them to fruition. It may be time to change your goals and put a plan of action in place in order to achieve them.

Ten of Cups



Schmendrick and Molly Grue sit side by side, the magician's hand loosely wrapped around her waist. They gaze in wonder and delight at the spray of colors painting the sky as the sun begins to set between the mountain peaks. Their trials complete, they reflect on all they have accomplished and revel in their successes. Elegant golden cups curve over the sun as a banner of victory. Behind them, the reflection of the Unicorn shows her making her way home at last. The quest is over and, despite Schmendrick's words to the contrary, there is indeed a happy ending - even if nothing truly ends.

Bonds between yourself and others have strengthened, leaving you both peaceful and fulfilled.

There is no shortage of love or support in your life and you may feel a desire to share what you have with others. Be proud of all you have achieved together, and express gratitude for support shown to you. If you are seeking romance, a long-term commitment may be in store for you.

Reversed:

The longing for a harmonious relationship does not always equate to having one. If attempting to close a growing rift, ensure that your expectations are realistic and try to find common ground with one another. Be certain you are not neglecting your loved ones in pursuit of your goals either, or the relationship will continue to suffer. Empathy and clear communication can aid you, though it may also be time for the relationship to come to an end.

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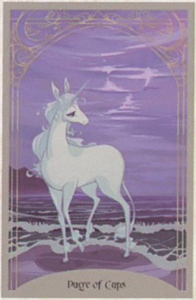

The Unicorn stands on the shore, a contemplative tilt to her head as she glances backwards at the waters. The ocean behind her laps at her ankles, swelling with the depths of its great emotions, but the waves do not overwhelm her. There are many secrets in the sea, and the Unicorn desires to understand them. In the clouds above the horizon, an image of a cup is taking form - indicating that inspiration can come places we least expect.

You are being called to have an open, inquisitive mind and allow your childlike imagination to soar. Now is the time to don the mantle of the apprentice rather than the master. Listen carefully to your dreams and what they reveal about the innermost point where you can survey your extravagant kingdom contently. You take pride in everything you do, which has allowed you manifest your fortune. Over time, you found out it has only become easier to expand the garden from the seeds you planted a lifetime ago. Applying yourself with passion and self-discipline towards your tasks inspires others who look up to you. If you are still honing your skills and seek to grow your wealth effortlessly, seek someone who can pass their wisdom onto you.

Reversed:

Festivities today should only occur when you know you can afford it AND you have set aside savings for tomorrow. There are both negative and positive aspects to money that may attempt to rule your thoughts. Keep your priorities focused on things money cannot buy and you will not go astray.

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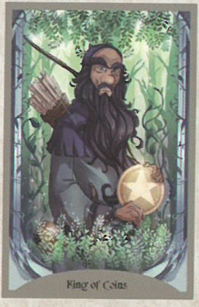
King of Coins



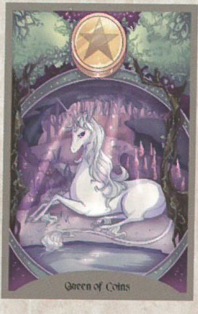
The hunter is a self-made man, one who appreciates the bounties that the earth provides. He always considers the ramifications of his actions and takes only what he needs, allowing conservation for the future. Rather than being separate from the verdant foliage surrounding him, he seems to be an innate part of it. As his beard has grown longer over the years, so have his experiences given him knowledge that he gladly passes on to the next generation. The coin that he holds is not clutched tightly to his chest, for he is confident in his ability to sustain what he has or acquire more.

You take your responsibilities seriously, knowing that it was pragmatism that has gotten you to the practical and creative sides. You have an intelligent mind, a nurturing heart, and an earnest spirit that have come together like the colorful threads of an expertly woven tapestry. It is important to you that you remain independent whilst balancing both your professional and personal lives. There may be someone in your life who exhibits these qualities that can lend you support and advice when you are in need.

Reversed:

Never forget to turn your nurturing inwards and be as generous to yourself as you are to others. If other things need to be set aside for the time being in order to do so, remember that they will be there when you return. Finding perfect balance may be proving difficult, and seeking support to take some responsibilities out of your hands could be beneficial.

Queen of Coins



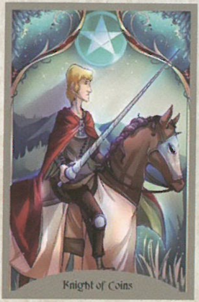
How peculiar is the Unicorn? She is a creature comprised of both earth and magic. Rumors say she resembles a number of beasts, yet her grace cannot truly be captured in words alone. In the depths of the wildwoods, surrounded by flowering bushes of lilac and heather, the Unicorn basks under the radiant light of a coin that illuminates and nourishes all below. The still pond she lounges beside reflects the inner peace of her soul and her connection to her emotions. She is resplendent in her majesty, and her fortune is amassed all around her in the form of life itself.

All aspects of your being have come into harmonious alignment, for you have learned to harness both your the race'. All problems you encounter are approached from a logical perspective in order to plan the most efficient solution. Once you have decided on a goal, it is assuredly going to happen...in due time. You have standards to maintain, after all.

Reversed:

Monotony may have you champing at the bit if you are unable to introduce elements of excitement into your life. If your schedule is too productive and leaves no room for your creativity to shine, you will end up neglecting an important part of yourself. An adversity to risks could be isolating you from interesting people and opportunities.

Knight of Coins



Beams of light illuminate Prince Lir's face, glinting off his lance and his destrier's metal shaffron. His horse stands still in a wild field, allowing its rider to survey the scene with a determined expression. Lir's weapon is held at the ready; he will not be caught off-guard. One must be fearless to charge a dragon on horseback, after all, and he is not so reckless as to ride in without a plan. The Prince's thoughts will remain focused on his task until he succeeds, or perishes in the act.

You are someone who is willing to put forth the hard work that others often shy away from. You are not one to complain about strenuous or repetitive tasks. A motto to live by is 'slow and steady wins or stability, life has somehow became monotonous. Something has recently rekindled your passion and drive. Use this energy to prevent your gifts or wealth from stagnating. Remain pragmatic and down-to-earth in your approach as you welcome new opportunities into your life.

Reversed:

When daydreams start to hinder your ability to act on your plans, it may be time to look for inspiration elsewhere. Imagine what the future would look like if you were to succeed in order to know if you are on the right track or not. If you are hesitant about committing to an opportunity, take a leap of faith before you lose the chance to act at all, trusting that you can gather the resources and support you need along the way.

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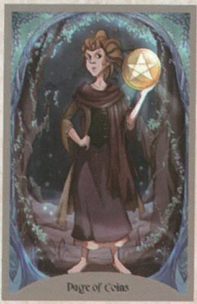


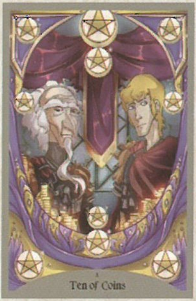
Molly Grue holds a massive coin in one hand as she considers how she may bring more fortune into her life. She is framed by two sturdy tree trunks covered with fresh green sprouts. They hold the promise of life, nourished by the light radiating off the coin. The shadow of the mountains behind her whisper of the hardships she will face, but her stance is that of a woman confident and proud. She is not afraid to roll up her sleeves and apply a little elbow grease to see her dreams come true.

During the drudgery of your day to day existence, you might be surprised by intrusive thoughts that are turning your mind towards new possibilities for growing your fortune. In the search for secure income you have earned. Needs are accounted for, leaving enough left over to even obtain and fulfill further desires and wants. Obtaining financial security allows you to begin forming a foundation for a home and family, should you wish for them. Being able to provide for not only yourself, but others you care for, will bring bliss into your life. The need to better understand your heritage or ancestral traditions may become more prominent as you look to expanding your family.

Reversed:

We are creatures of habit. Problems may arise once you have become accustomed to your wealth. Any challenge to your stability may prove greatly upsetting. If you are beginning to despise your work, consider making plans to transition out of it. Keep a sense of wonder, lest you become numb to the things that once made you happy.

Ten of Coins



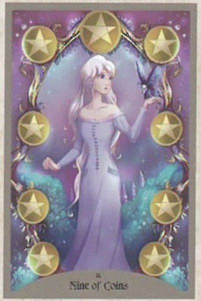
Two men stand side by side with multiple overflowing piles of gleaming coins stacked in front of them. Their castle, luxuriously decorated with plush curtains, further alludes to their financial prosperity. Although Prince Lir is not the king's true son, they have come to understand one another and are family in their own peculiar way - even if Haggard only took him in because he had never had a son before and hoped it would make him happy. Prince Lir, however, never loses his adoration for his adoptive father despite their differences and disagreements.

The riches you have toiled after for so long are finally yours, granting you the ability to relish that which heart. There is no shame in pampering yourself from time to time. You may be feeling strongly attuned to nature as of late. Finding time to spend outdoors will keep your spirit thrumming with light and laughter. Remember to slow down and smell the roses along the way.

Reversed:

Questioning your own self-worth has you doubting your ability to become independent. Invest in yourself in ways that will align with the results you wish to see and let go of guilt when you splurge on things which make you happy. You are worth more than you think and you should not sell your talents short, out of misplaced insecurities.

Nine of Coins



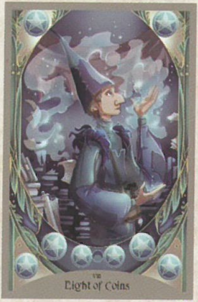
The Butterfly perched atop Lady Amalthea's extended hand leans forward as if in delightful conversation. He is a spirited nomad and collector of stories and poems, a creature who comes and goes at his leisure. This is a quiet, comforting domain full of fertile greens and flowers aglow with the ephemeral twilight that has settled upon the vicinity. Here, worries melt away and the maiden is allowed a moment of respite in her own private sanctuary - a veritable garden of paradise.

A plethora of pleasure is at your fingertips. Wealth in excess has been acquired due to your diligent efforts and desire to be self-sufficient. Reward yourself with leisurely activities that brighten your skills improve. The repetition of each task has been pounded into your subconscious mind, allowing you to start specializing and fine-tuning your craft. Your commitment to your art is necessary to continue growing so that you, too, can make the climb from novice to expert.

Reversed:

Imperfections are part of the process and dwelling too negatively upon them can be detrimental. Keep your eye on the bigger picture you are striving to paint. When you find yourself unable to make any progress and are dealing with defeatism, determine if the skill is actually necessary to reach your goal. It may be that you can find help from someone more experienced who is available to handle that aspect for you, or teach you a new technique that you were unaware of.

Eight of Coins



A veritable library of texts are piled up all around the novice magician as he practices his craft, having poured his heart and soul into his studies. Schmendrick accepts his limitations and strives to better himself through his attentive devouring of any and all magical tomes he can find. The dream that one day the magic will come to him when he calls keeps him optimistic enough to persevere through his failures. There is an accomplished look on his face as his hands sparkle with the tendrils of magic that radiate all around him.

Every success and failure has taught you something new along the way. You never gave up when the going was hard and you are beginning to see your

Assess that you are still on the right path towards victory, remain diligent, and release the frustrations you harbor if the going has been slower than you would have liked. There is still time to relax and take pleasure in how far you have come. Dissatisfaction and a need for perfection may taint your enjoyment if you felt you could have done better. Take pride in your work, learn from any mistakes along the way, and look forward to the coming harvest.

Reversed:

Unfortunately, some ventures fail and there is value in knowing when to take the short-term loss to prevent longer-term ruin. Investments that are not yielding worthwhile returns may need to be re-examined, if not forfeited entirely.

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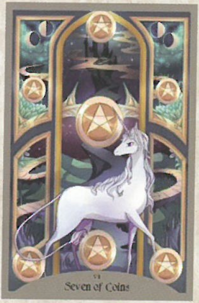

The Unicorn has traveled far from home in order to learn what has happened to her kind. She begins the final approach to King Haggard's castle where she will complete her task at long last. The moon waxes and wanes, counting the time that has already passed as well as the time she will need to invest to see her quest through. The Unicorn glances over her shoulder wearily, knowing that full satisfaction will come once she clears this final hurdle.

Your patience and foresight have begun to pay off; the seeds you planted long ago are finally sprouting. You understand that investments for the future will yield sustainable returns and are looking forward to being able to enjoy the fruits of your long labor.

volunteering your time and energy to aid others, you know that you will eventually reap what you sow. If you are on the receiving end, show gratitude to those supporting you and look for a way to repay them when possible. Eventually, the scales will balance. Whether helping someone or yourself, seek out ways that the recipient can become self-sufficient.

Reversed:

A tendency to give too much of yourself may be causing more harm than good. Pay yourself before you pay someone else and avoid going into debt. Others may be acting ungrateful or neglecting to return your favors. Finding alternate but equal ways they can repay you may serve as a solution, or you may need to set firm limits on how much you are willing to aid them going forward.

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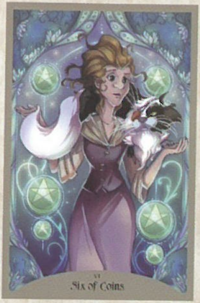

The Cat drapes himself across Molly Grue's shoulders in a gesture of camaraderie. He has information that Molly Grue will find most valuable and, in return, the scullery maid offers food and companionship to the feline. Molly holds her hands out, palms up, balancing the equally weighted coins that float on either side of her. The Cat's paw tips one side further, demonstrating that his coveted knowledge tips the scale in his favor at this time. Their relationship is symbiotic. If he is generous now, he will be rewarded in time when he is rescued from the broken remnants of King Haggard's castle.

Generosity can be expressed in a multitude of ways, and whether you are donating to charity or blinded you to the positive. Swallow your pride in order to reach out to those that could help you; they are not aware of your suffering. Appreciate the good things you have in your life, rather than lamenting what you lack.

Reversed:

Hard times are at last coming to an end. A new opportunity or the support of others has allowed you to get back on your feet and start believing in yourself again. Alternatively, you may be someone whose turmoil comes from within. Fearing you are unworthy of what you have or that you will lose everything is hindering your ability to be happy. Accept you will have gains and losses and enjoy times of plenty to better endure the leaner times.

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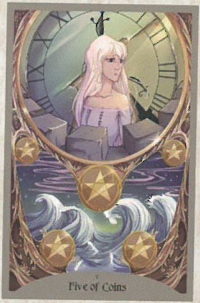

A worried Lady Amalthea watches the stormy seas that mirror her own inner discomfort. Cold stone walls press in on her from all sides, forcing her into isolation. A clock looms oppressively behind the maiden, but she has her back turned to it, unaware that it could be the answer to her problems. Instead, she feels immensely pressured for time as she becomes more mortal and forgetful by the minute. Will the price she has paid be worth it?

Something very dear to you has been stolen away; your health, your wealth, your faith, or even your sense of self. It appears that there is no one you can turn to, which only amplifies the loss you have already endured. Your focus on the negative has savings, though it may have been at great expense. A feeling of poverty can be due to an unnecessarily strict budget or circumstances outside of your control. Find a way to both prepare for the future and take pleasure in the present, even in small ways.

Reversed:

An unhealthy relationship with money can lead to unhealthy relationships with people. Whether you are succumbing to greed, overspending, or feeling hyper vigilant about losing your livelihood, you may need to reassess your views and the value you place on material possessions. Ask yourself if you are truly happy. Are you using things to compensate for something lacking, such as love? Is debt causing you anxiety? Redefine success and your priorities in order to find inner peace and look for things you can control to regain a sense of stability.

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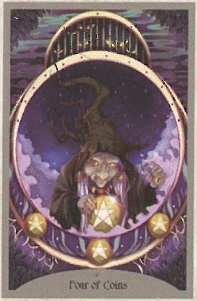

Mommy Fortuna uses her magic to remain hidden behind a mystical fog. Her wealth is clutched close to her chest, lighting up her face and heavy golden earrings with its brilliance. Close-set bars prevent the creatures she holds captive from escaping their prisons. Powerful as her illusions are, she still requires her mundane menagerie be present to create their mythical counterparts. All of her success is tied up in the Midnight Carnival and should a threat, such as a magician and a Unicorn, set her animals free, she would lose everything.

A fear of loss is causing you to hoard your wealth rather than spend or share it. Careful, long-term planning has allowed you to build up substantial be better than you could ever imagine when everyone brings their skills and expertise together. A good and detailed plan will keep everyone on the same page with their tasks and expectations.

Reversed:

Issues may have arisen with others you are allied with or your satisfaction with the job itself. If the team is divided, discuss the end goals and be willing to negotiate schedules, workload, and resource allotments. Respect and appreciation for each person will help quell tension caused by battles of the ego. When the job itself is the issue and you are feeling lackluster or undervalued, the right call may be to seek fulfilling work elsewhere.

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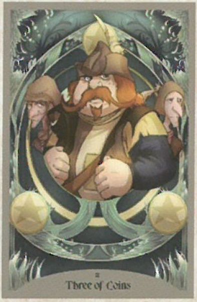

Captain Cully, boldest of the bold and freest of the free, dreams of having his legend become larger than even that of Robin Hood's. He stands before the men he leads, an expression of pride and pleasure on his features. His efforts have brought him satisfaction though there is still work yet to be done. Once they have celebrated their progress, the work must begin again to ensure the lives they envision in the greenwood becomes the reality they hoped for.

The initial setup necessary to bring your idealizations to life is complete and you are feeling a strong wave of encouragement and certainty that you will be able to accomplish your goals. Value those you are working with, as the end results will and learning to handle them now by staying flexible and optimistic will guarantee your triumph. Learn to make the most efficient use of your time and find a flow for handling your responsibilities. Remember that it is all too easy to lose control and drop everything if you get overwhelmed.

Reversed:

Struggling to keep to keep your momentum is causing high levels of stress and anxiety. Creating a budget for your finances and time or implementing a schedule may bring some equilibrium back to your frazzled life. Be certain you are devoting equal time to your interests, career, and loved ones lest one or more begin to feel neglected. Concentrate on your goals and tune out distractions or taking on additional duties that would overwhelm you.

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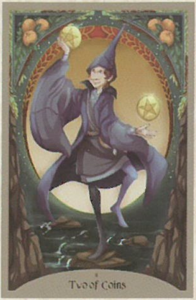


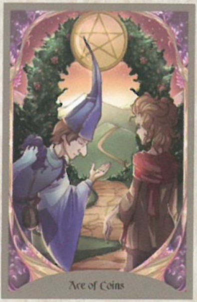
Despite the precariousness of his situation, Schmendrick juggles two golden coins with a content smile upon his face while balancing atop a rock. A single slip would send both himself and his wealth tumbling into the waters below. He seems tireless, capable of maintaining his position for some time, so long as he is able to manage his resources and sense of rhythm. The up and down nature of the act reflects the ups and downs of life itself. Oranges, often a symbol of luxury and good fortune, are evident in abundance.

A little luck and a little enthusiasm will keep you afloat as you deal with fluctuating circumstances. There will always be changes, for better or worse, health in mind and body, wish to turn a dream or idea into reality, or strive for loftier goals of finding fulfillment or true love. However, opportunity can only knock - it is you who must follow the winding road, one foot after the other. The effort and positivity you put forth into achieving your goals will return to you tenfold. A tended garden will bloom.

Reversed:

Reversal indicates this opportunity may be tenuous. You should exercise caution in your plans. Consider the difficulties that lie ahead and take the time to listen to your self-doubts and hesitations to determine if they are valid. It may be that you are currently impeded by forces outside your control and a new strategy is required, or perhaps your ideals were unrealistic to begin with.

Ace of Coins



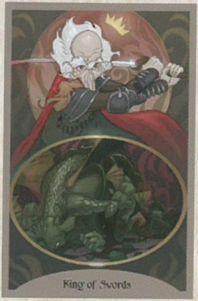
A golden coin is prominently displayed, offering a future of financial satisfaction to those who would accept its blessing. The coin hangs upon a lush archway that serves as a gateway to the garden of success. Though the road is clear, it leads up into the mountains - a sure sign that there will be obstacles along the way. Molly Grue and Schmendrick seem out of place with their patched and tattered garments. The magician bows, extending a hand towards the road in encouragement but the choice to proceed is up to Molly alone.

There is a promise of potential for wealth in the material world; whether you seek more gold to fill your coffers, want to chase a new endeavor, desire notice. Though others may find you unapproachable or cold, your ability to get to the root of a matter has given you a solid reputation. Take the time to consider a situation from all angles and call upon all of your life experiences thus far before making an educated decision.

Reversed:

When you allow the power to go to your head, you may find yourself manipulating others or showing off in order to get the results you desire. Be certain to consider the well-being of those you interact with. If you allow your own desires to take precedence over everything else, you are no longer acting in an unbiased manner, and may very well be taking advantage of those who admired you.

King of Swords



King Haggard swings his sword with ruthless efficiency, destroying the clock that leads the way to the Red Bull's lair. These are not mindless blows of rage, but rather strategic attacks to hinder his enemies as they escape. He has spent a lifetime perfecting his intellect and gaining wisdom, represented by the golden crown that glistens above his head. His regal red cape whips around him, reminding all who see him of his authority.

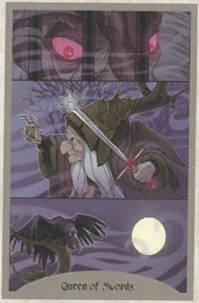
There is no place for sympathy or emotions when making well-informed, impartial decisions. Your ability to detach yourself and make fair calls has earned you the respect to speak your opinions freely in a way that makes others stand up and take

You are someone who makes decisions with your head rather than your heart, making it difficult to be fooled. Your relationships are based more on intellect than empathy, but that does not mean you do not care. Seek the truth in all things and others will respect your perspective on matters important to them. If people wish to get to know your gentler aspects, they will first need to earn your trust - if they can get over your intimidating demeanor to begin with.

Reversed:

Clear judgments may be difficult to make at the moment, if your emotions are getting the better of you. It would behoove you to take a step back and approach the matter in a more methodical, objective manner. Allowing yourself to be assertive in your analyses is essential.

Queen of Swords



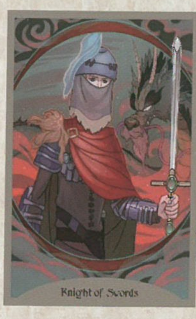
Mommy Fortuna is unphased as the winds of change buffet around her. The caged harpy watches with murderous eyes, looking for any weakness to capitalize on. The witch bears a crowned sword, indicating her mastery in matters of the mind, as well as her ability to pierce through the veil to seek the truth of things. She knows one day Celaeno will kill her, but she is shrewd and has plans to keep the harpy enthralled for as long as possible. Her corvid familiar is a creature of intellect and magic, both arts that she is well-disciplined in. The moon allows the witch to see the situation at hand with cold clarity, the fullness of it mirroring her power at its height.

about your goals. Continue envisioning and chasing after success while surrounding yourself with those who can invigorate your spirit. You may face some drawbacks in the forms of challenges you could not anticipate, or consequences that you did not intend when making spur of the moment decisions.

Reversed:

Mental discipline may be required to focus on a single task to see it through to its completion, especially if you have been burning yourself out or have been dragging down those following you with your reckless decision making. Look for other ways to release your energy if it is not the right time for action just yet. Your passion can burn not only yourself, but those around you, if you are not cautious.

Knight of Swords



Despite the crimson flames and thick smoke beginning to obscure the terrain, Prince Lir stands poised in the midst of it all, bravely determined to do battle. He holds his sword aloft in challenge, dedicated fully to his mission. The intensity of his steely blue gaze through the slit in his helm is just as ferocious as that of the serpent behind him. The dragon makes a formidable enemy so, like any good knight, he will need his sword, his wits, and a healthy dose of courage to defeat it.

There is neither a task too great, nor foe so fierce that you will be turned away from your mission. While you may not be prone to planning ahead, you are able to think on your feet and are proactive abrasive, insensitive, or petty. You may be unnecessarily defensive and behave unpredictably when others attempt to give you criticism of any kind. With the curiosity of a child, the wit of a scholar, and an impeccable sense of justice - you can make for a formidable opponent in the mental arena, once you master the arts of debate and negotiation. Tact will serve you well.

Reversed:

Be mindful of being all talk, but no action, or coming across as a know-it-all or gossip. The most efficient use of your energy would be to focus on one task of high priority, rather than flitting from idea to idea. Try not to fear the public's opinion if you have something sincere you wish to say but are holding back - you deserve to be heard!

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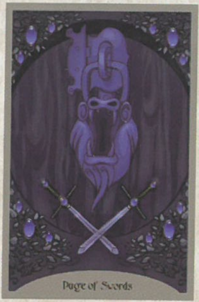


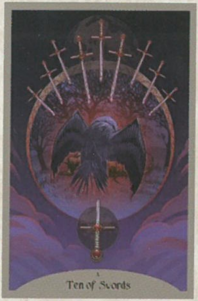
The lion-maned lock is predominately made of an open mouth, ever-willing to belittle and demean those who attempt to open it. Though there is a keyhole, there is no evidence of a key nearby, preventing others from easily breaking in. A pair of crossed swords signifies upcoming challenges facing those striving to hone or develop their intellectual side. The sapphires of sincerity serve as a reminder to have integrity in all things, and to focus the mind through self-discipline.

Inexperience may cause you to act or speak impulsively, as you learn to express yourself in new ways. Conflict with others can be avoided when you communicate honestly and avoid being overly two-fold, as you are both wounded from the situation, as well as grieving the finality of it. If this is a result of self-sabotage, attempt to understand what would cause you to do this to yourself. Unfortunately, there is no chance of rectifying the issue at hand, but at least it cannot hurt you any longer. Remember, it is always darkest before the dawn.

Reversed:

Just as a wound must bleed to cleanse itself again, you may need to reopen old wounds that you have buried deep to avoid addressing them, in order to move on. Releasing the past will allow you to turn your sights forward. If you are still currently fighting against the inevitable end, it is time to stop resisting in order to achieve a fresh start.

Ten of Swords



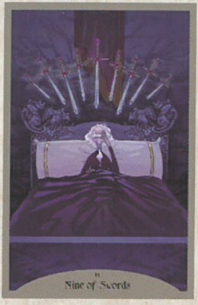
A blood moon hovers over a scene of carnage, presenting a perfect moment to be rid of hindering things, be they habits or people. If you just so happen to be a harpy, that 'thing' you desire to be rid of may be a carnival witch who has humiliated you and caged you for far too long. Celaeno's wings glow the ominous color of the blood she drains from her defeated captor, whose mind and body are pierced by both the pain of the harpy's rending talons and the betrayal of the act. At least she chose her death long ago. There's her immortality, eh?

Everything ends, eventually, but the abruptness of it or a feeling of betrayal have left you worried that you will never know happiness again. The agony is for you to get a full night's sleep between nightmares and too much mental noise. Your fears have fed into themselves until you have become so overburdened that you push others away. You likewise risk turning them into self-fulfilling prophecies. Try to replace all negative thoughts with positive ones and reach out for support. Feeling loved and reassured right now can help you calm down enough to work on solving your problems, rather than just fretting about them.

Reversed:

Fear has possibly paralyzed you to inaction, preventing you from seeking help or being able to progress. Evaluate which fears are valid and which ones are irrational. Once you have realized that your situation was not as hopeless as you believed, you can begin recovery.

Nine of Swords



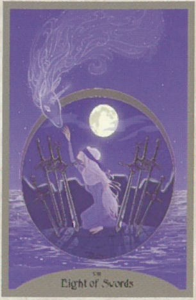
Anxiety does not care if you are a peasant or a king. The sharp blades of anguish, despair, and guilt loom over King Haggard's head, ready to deliver a fatal blow. Even the gargoyles on his ornate bed seem ready to attack. Purple, the color of both royalty and mystery, can be found in abundance in his chambers. He sits upright, seemingly older and frailer without his armor. One hand is pressed to his forehead, and his eyes are closed. Does he feel remorse for capturing the Unicorns for his own selfish pleasure? Lament his lost youth? Wish he had been a loving father to Lir? Long for love? We may never know.

A disposition towards overthinking and obsessing over worst-case scenarios has likely made it difficult is no way out is not entirely true. Fear, pessimism, or even over-thinking may all be self-imposed restrictions you have placed upon yourself. You may have choices that you simply do not like, or feel confused by. Seek a new perspective and listen to your innermost self to shed new light on the issues you are pressured by.

Reversed:

Things might not have worked out well in the past, and your innermost self was your own worst critic, making you believe you were not capable or worthy. Thankfully, you have already started on the path of self-acceptance and are beginning to realize that you alone have power over your thoughts and actions. Continue to recognize your responsibilities as your own advocate.

Eight of Swords



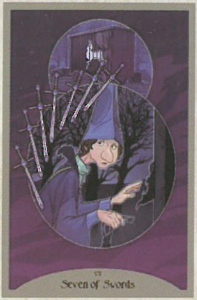
Between the castle parapet and the swords surrounding her, the Lady Amalthea believes she is pinned in by obstacles or danger in every direction. She reaches helplessly up into the sky, grasping for the intangible spirit of her past certainty and wisdom, just out of reach. Though she is blindfolded, it is really her mindset that limits her in actuality, as neither her feet nor hands are bound. Were she to remove the blindfold, the light of the full moon would easily guide her out of her predicament. The vast ocean below whispers for her to have faith in her intuition, since her sight has failed her.

There is nothing quite as foreboding as the feeling of being powerless. The belief you are trapped and there could lose everything - especially your reputation. However, there is a time and place to put yourself and your priorities first at the expense of other things. You may need to leave a tense situation to prevent conflict and pettiness. If you suspect someone of betraying YOU, then stay alert and trust when your instincts tell you something does not feel right.

Reversed:

The deception you are experiencing could be coming from within, whether you feel like an imposter who does not belong (due to self-doubt), or if you are trying to convince yourself that all is well, when it clearly is not. A deep secret you are tired of hiding may be causing you guilt and shame - confiding in a friend could lighten your load.

Seven of Swords



As a second-rate pickpocket, Schmendrick knows that discretion is the better part of valor. A multitude of swords are aimed at his back. He cannot face his foes directly, so he acts in secret under the cover of night, keeping a close watch over his shoulder. He has stolen the key that will release the Unicorn from her prison and she watches anxiously from behind iron bars with urgent, whispered pleas for him to hurry. There is no prince charming riding in on a white horse to save her - only a cunning plan and an act of betrayal will win her freedom.

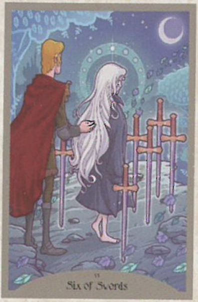
Strategic thinking can be advantageous if it allows you to achieve your goals more swiftly but beware of using deceptive tactics. Should you be found out, you

During this transformative time, you are learning how to balance your mental and emotional burdens in preparation for the future. It is natural to mourn what you are leaving behind, even if these changes were of your own making, rather than thrust upon you. Release those things that are weighing you down as you shed your historical self in order to become the person you wish to be. There are tough decisions to be made, but they will help you towards realizing your full potential in the long run.

Reversed:

Knowing what you need to do is not quite the same as doing it. Fear, reluctance, or resistance to the change - even if you had no say in the matter - will prevent you from evolving into the best version of yourself. Take steps where possible to alleviate your concerns and look for the positive aspects of the transition. There is always a silver lining.

Six of Swords



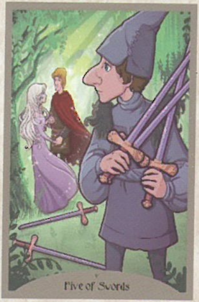
Lady Amalthea, still solemnly garbed in Schmendrick's coat, stands on a precipice looking out at a peaceful forest. She is haunted by the pains of her past, represented by six swords. Her thoughts yet linger on her former self, radiating out from her in a halo of stars. The breeze carries fresh leaves, indicating a new beginning is on the way. She does not make the journey alone, though, for Prince Lir stands behind her with a hand lifted to comfort and guide her. They appear to be moving away from their precarious circumstances, as only the merest hint of King Haggard's castle is present, some distance away.

feeling of isolation and loneliness, or regret at things you have said and did in the heat of the moment. Is there any chance of reconciliation in order to preserve the relationship, if it is valuable to you? An apology may go a long way in making amends.

Reversed:

Sick and tired of the conflict, you are ready to get on with things and turn your energy to more constructive pursuits. An old wound may be acting up, or you have tried to walk away but the others involved will not let you. Your opponent may be stubborn and unwilling to listen. Find a way to address the underlying issue, whether it's to compromise and forgive and forget, or to remove yourself entirely.

Five of Swords



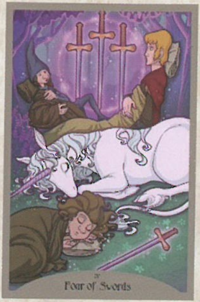
Schmendrick gathers a trio of swords, looking over his shoulder despondently at the lovers behind him. Two more swords remain on the ground, remnants of a battle of wills fought and lost. Prince Lir and Lady Amalthea pay him no mind, absorbed in their affection for one another as they are bathed in rays of victorious sunlight. Though they are friends, they are in disagreement. Schmendrick wishes to see the Unicorn's quest fulfilled, but their whirlwind mortal romance has taken precedence for the time being.

A recent falling out, regardless of who came out ahead, has left you feeling a sense of loss. There are no winners in war. All you can do is pick up the broken pieces. After walking away, there may be a solitude and silence, allowing you to gather your thoughts and replenish your strength, especially from recent traumas or hard-won battles. As you prepare for the next challenge, reflect on what has gone well and what has gone poorly in order to plan for the future. If you do not yet have a sanctuary in which to unwind, now would be the time to create one.

Reversed:

This is a warning that you are pushing yourself too hard, to the brink of exhaustion, when every fiber of your being is crying out for relief. It can be difficult to take a step back but it is preferable to catch your breath now rather than fall into ruin later. Even finding small ways every day to recuperate will allow you to maintain high levels of productivity.

Four of Swords



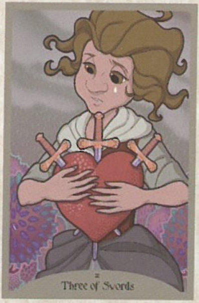
A peaceful slumber has fallen over the adventurers, each one in their own state of comfortable repose. Even a wary Unicorn sleeps deeply when at last she lays her head down. Silver sparkles dance all around them, giving the tranquil scene a dream-like quality. Three swords are floating within a ring of translucent violet, representing past accomplishments or finished business. However, a lone sword bathed in light hints at a singular focus or battle yet to come - once they are rejuvenated from their rest.

Already, you have come so far. Taking time to relax and recover energy you have lost will allow you to proceed with renewed focus. Your spirit calls for passing of someone dear to you, you feel like you are drowning in your misery. Repressing your honest emotions will be more harmful than expressing them, and your struggles will allow you new opportunities to grow. This pain will pass but, in the meantime, be kind and forgiving to yourself.

Reversed:

The pain you are enduring may be caused by the negative voice deep inside you who is aware of your deepest insecurities. We are often crueler to ourselves than others can ever be. Learn to speak to yourself the way you would a loved one. Grief can sometimes be hard to let go of, and you may need to find a new angle to accept the situation, and find healthy ways to cope in order to move forward.

Three of Swords



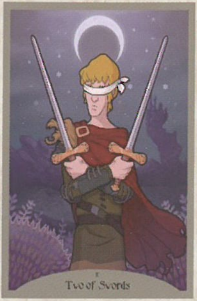
Molly Grue holds her heart in her hands, pierced by three swords representing the pain that can be caused by harmful words, grief, or heartache. There is a melancholy air about her, a single tear streaming down her sorrowful face as her emotional pain is reflected in her physical state. The storm clouds behind her unleash a torrent of rain that falls upon vibrantly hued bushes. Though this is a time of mourning and pain, it is only temporary. After all, rain makes the flowers grow.

Something has caused you a great deal of anguish, and the suddenness of it has taken you by surprise. Whether it is a sense of betrayal brought about by wounding words, the end of a relationship, or the considered alternative resolutions, or heard outside opinions. Should you be avoiding making a decision, remember that you are only prolonging the inevitable and a choice will ultimately have to be made. Align your head and heart on the issue and trust that you are making the best choice possible for yourself.

Reversed:

Though well-meaning, others may have too many opinions that are clouding your judgment, and you require time to reflect on what is important to you. When the decision involves others, such as loved ones or teammates, look at the situation through their eyes to try to reach an acceptable compromise. In the midst of mediating between hostile parties, you may find yourself a target of aggression or venting. Consider if you can truly bring peace or if you should let them work things out for themselves.

Two of Swords



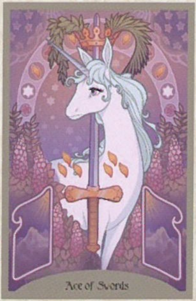
Prince Lir holds up two perfectly balanced swords, his emotions as tangled as the arms that cross over his chest, protecting his vulnerable heart. Behind him, his father's shadowy castle represents a complicated obstacle he must overcome, but a blindfold prevents him from seeing the situation clearly. He is in stasis, biding his time as he considers his options, awaiting new information. The sickle moon above is an indicator that he will need to listen to his intuition to reach the best conclusion.

A difficult decision plagues you and no single choice has proven to be better than the other. It may be prudent to wait until you have learned more, seems overly perplexing, seek the truth with earnest conviction and consider meditation. This is an opportune time to begin a new venture. While you take advantage of this motivation to engage in intellectual pursuits, keep a firm image in your mind's eye of success and you will overcome any challenges.

Reversed:

For one reason or another, you do not yet feel certain about your course of action. Are you unsure it is the right course for you, or perhaps too many options are proving confusing? If so, taking the time now to carefully study your options (and if they align with your goals) will aid in determining whether or not you are missing vital information or understanding.

Ace of Swords



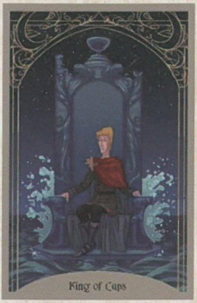
In the depths of her woodland home, the Unicorn gazes off into the distance with a contemplative expression. A double-edged sword bearing a golden crown serves as a reminder of the power of mind over matter. The Hunter's remarks about the fate of her kind have pierced her with sharp, sudden clarity. Her troubled thoughts are singularly focused and questioning. Is she truly the Last? What happened to the others? Blessedly, the branches of olive and palm signify a peaceful, triumphant resolution.

Mental fortitude will be valuable to you as you navigate this next phase in your life. You may have had, or will have, a recent epiphany about a problem that has been vexing you for some time. If an issue cooler minds prevail. A balanced approach as a tactful, kind-hearted leader means you should consider both how to complete your objectives and equally how to bring happiness to others. At times, you may need to sacrifice for your dreams in the pursuit of success. A mentor of this nature may be about to enter your life, or you may find yourself mentoring others.

Reversed:

The journey of mastering your emotions may not yet be complete and requires support from others in tandem with deep self-reflection. If others are pushing you to the point of losing your stable demeanor, you may be feeling anxious or irritable. Practicing self-compassion can keep your soul feeling harmonious. Ultimately, you are in charge of your reactions even if others are testing you with all they have.

King of Cups



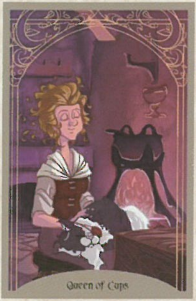
Prince Lir sits regally atop a stone throne in the middle of a turbulent sea, hands upon the armrests, but not clenched in fear. Despite the crashing waves, he remains at peace with eyes closed and a smile on his face. He has mastered the art of taming the emotions which roll beneath him, never losing his power or control of the situation. The shooting stars are a symbol of his divine destiny fulfilled, dancing in celebration of his compassionate spirit for giving up his true love for the greater good.

Mastery of your emotions will allow you to accept them for what they are without letting them control or overwhelm you. Level-headed, calm approaches to situations or confrontations will let cry on, or for advice regarding personal issues. Your intuition allows you to navigate both projects and relationships easily. The trust others place in you is well-deserved, as you are often able to naturally and effortlessly understand what they need most. When something feels off, pay your instincts close attention and trust your judgment.

Reversed:

Your desire and instinct to nurture may be hindering your own levels of energy. Fences make good neighbors, and so, too, will good boundaries make good friendships. If your relationships are becoming overly entwined and you find yourself giving more than you are receiving it would be wise to find other ways to lend support without causing undue harm to yourself.

Queen of Cups



Molly Grue sits atop a plain wooden stool, her eyes closed, gently smiling. The humble accommodations of King Haggard's kitchen surround her, lit and warmed only by the hearth flames that dance beneath a black pot. Molly Grue is queen of her domain where she nourishes all those she meets with both food for their flesh, and advice for their downtrodden spirits. The talking Cat dozes comfortably upon her lap, not unlike a witch's familiar, as she sits beside her cauldron. An iron emblem hangs from the wall above the pot, she has no need of a real cup - her feelings arise from within.

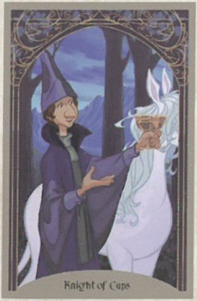
Your soul is that of a nurturer, a healer, one whom others can turn to in times of need for a shoulder to

As a Knight, one is called to action in pursuit of the noble and romantic arts. You have the wherewithal to envision the peaceful future you desire and to follow it through to its completion. This is not a race to be won, however, and you will find yourself drawn to listen more to your emotions than logic. Wear your heart on your sleeve, love deeply, worry little and others will be drawn to your magnetism.

Reversed:

It is important if you are ruled by your emotions to insure that jealousy or moodiness do not get in the way of seeing your ideas come to fruition. In the same vein, allowing yourself to become a romantic with no grounding in reality can be jarring if you are not prepared for the consequences. If you are ready to act, but the idea is incomplete, you may need to spend more time in the planning phases in order to begin your next great adventure.

Knight of Cups



Schmendrick walks calmly beside the Unicorn, whose visage is hidden to draw the eye to the magician himself. The Unicorn's ivory coat is a symbol of light and purity, her mane rippling like the waters of creativity and spiritual consciousness. Schmendrick looks to the cup he holds aloft, gesturing fluidly at it with his free hand as if pursuing his goals with every aspect of his being. The blues of his cloak and hat hint at his sensitive and emotional nature. Behind them, the mountains rise up in the distance as a testament to the power of his determination and willingness to seek adventure.

self. The universe is ready to bring messages rolling in with the tide if you are open to listening - and you may find a welcome surprise is just around the bend!

Reversed:

A fear of failure or that others may covet your creations can lead you to keeping your plans clutched close to your chest. Give careful consideration to your doubts and ask yourself if you really have anything to lose by sharing with the wider world. If the opposite holds true and you are oversharing, you may be letting your inner child hold the reins a little too firmly and should consider a more disciplined approach.